

## Browns River Middle School students practice journalism

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# OLE Times

Jericho, Vermont

Week of November 7, 2011

### MASS RETIREMENTS AT BROWNS RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

*By Molly Finn and Casey Munns*

Jericho, Vermont- On Wednesday November 9th Patty Brushett, a seventh grade language arts and social studies teacher, announced her retirement from Browns River Middle School. She became the seventh teacher in the middle school this year to do so. This mass departure is from a financial incentive offered by Chittenden East Supervisory Union and is only available this year. Older teachers make more money than new teachers so the district will save money. Most of the teachers retiring would have left in 3-5 years, but because of the incentive this will be their last year.

The teachers retiring are Maureen Heald, Dave Williamson, John Pedrin, Robert Brunelle, David Parmelee, Rita Clark and Patty Brushett. Most teachers are retiring after 31-38 years of teaching. Lots of teachers feel the time is right. Browns River Middle School's Home Economics teacher, Maureen Heald, said she feels bitter sweet about retiring but says "I feel the time was right."

Teachers, like physical education teacher Dave Williamson and Maureen Heald are hoping to leave the school in better condition. All of the teachers hope they have impacted the kids' lives and leave memories that will last forever.

Robert Brunelle, BRMS art teacher is retiring because the administration plans to cut part of the art program.

All of these teachers love kids. That is one of the main reasons they are in this profession. David Parmelee said "When I graduated (engineering) I realized that kids were the missing variable in my math and science equation. Teaching turned out to be the perfect way to balance the equation." Patty Brushett said "I love the creative outlet teaching has provided, and my partnership with David Parmelee." Some retiring teachers will travel. Pedrin will go to Italy and Greece next summer. Brushett will continue with her art and may travel to Tunisia to teach. Parmelee wants to go on adventures. Brunelle will continue his professional art. Heald will spend time with family.



#### Movie Watchers Smuggling Snacks

*By: Greg Elgin and Dan Wandeloski*

Jericho, Vermont-If you are a movie watcher you may be in trouble with your snacks. There currently are a lot of people sneaking their own snacks into the theatre so they don't have to pay the high movie theatre prices for candy.

After surveying thirty Browns River Middle School students on the week of November 8th, twenty-five of them have confessed to smuggling snacks into the movie theatre sometime in their life. Twenty-one people said they smuggled snacks into the theatre because the prices are higher at the theatre and four people said it

was because of the variety of snacks.

We interviewed Dale Chapmen, the manager of the Essex Cinema. He said, "I know about the smuggling and it doesn't affect the candy sales because there will always be people that buy candy and there will always be people that smuggle it in."

The price of a movie theatre Swedish Fish is \$3.90 for 14oz, and the price of a grocery store Swedish Fish is \$2.99 for 14 oz. Dale also said that the prices are higher because the movie theatre runs on the candy sales. He also mentioned that if people completely stop buying from the candy counter then the movie theater will go out of business.

Randy Cohen "The Ethicist" from the New York Times says, "...by smuggling food, you are breaking your agreement". The agreement is that if you buy a ticket you will accept the restrictions. I think that he is wrong and that people should be able to bring their own snacks and drinks in.

#### Local Soldier Returns Home

Staff Sergeant Adam Roy will return home by the holidays.

*By David Rosales and Leo Lehrer-Small*

Jericho & Underhill Vermont- Last Sunday, November 13, Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Adam Roy, of the United States Special Forces (USSF) e-mailed our reporters about his upcoming return to his house in Johnson, Vermont from his second deployment to

Iraq. SSgt. Adam Roy grew up in Underhill and attended Browns River Middle School, and graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU.) President Barack Obama announced that all United States troops stationed in Iraq will be home by the end of

2011.

The Staff Sergeant thinks it is the right time to pull troops out of Iraq and "let the government of Iraq take the leading role in defending their country." But our country should leave a small amount of our special forces to continue to train the Iraq military. He was very happy when he

heard that he would return by Christmas, but unfortunately he will not be back in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family and friends.

He believes that there are positives and negatives about America leaving Iraq. The United States and Iraq are still fighting anti-American groups on a daily basis. However he feels that the Iraqi military is stable enough to fight these extremist groups without

**COURT REPORT**

**September 27**

**Amanda Brosseau**, 38, Richmond, VT, charged with forgery — utter/publish an instrument, felony, in Colchester, VT on August 3, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to five years, concurrent; charged with forgery, felony, in Colchester, VT on August 9, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to five years, concurrent.

**October 12**

**Tyler Kidd**, 23, Huntington, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in South Burlington, VT, on August 27; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

**October 18**

**Kelly Collins**, 43, Underhill, VT, charged with retail theft \$900 or less in South Burlington, VT, on January 24; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

**October 19**

**Dalton Haselton**, 19, Huntington, VT, charged with buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property greater than \$900, felony, in Burlington,

VT on June 26, 2010; amended to buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property \$900 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended but 20 days, probation; charged with vehicle operation without owner consent in Williston, VT on May 14; pleaded no contest; sentenced to four to 12 months, consecutive, suspended but 20 days, probation; charged with vehicle operation — attempt to elude law enforcement officer in Williston, VT, on May 14; pleaded no contest; sentenced to four to 12 months, consecutive, suspended but 20 days, probation.

**Stacey Kelleher**, 40, Hinesburg, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Burlington, VT on June 21; amended to DUI, first offense; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended, probation.

**POLICE REPORT**

On November 21, 2011 at approximately 4:49 PM Richmond Police were on routine patrol on, when they received a report of a Chrysler Sebring that was operating erratically and had almost hit the guard rail several times. The Richmond Police caught up to the vehicle on East Main Street in Richmond. The officer observed the vehicle driving partially in the break down lane and crossing the center as it traveled East on East Main Street. A traffic stop was conducted on East Main Street. The operator was identified as **Kim Carrier**, 51, of Richmond, VT. Alcohol was detected and field sobriety tests were conducted. Mrs. Carrier was processed for suspicion of DUI and registered a breath test of .223 percent. Mrs. Car-

rier was released on a citation to appear on December 12, 2011 to Chittenden County Superior Court Criminal Division for the offense of DUI. Case# 11RM01071

On Wednesday November 23, 2011 at approx. 9:05 PM, the VT State Police were called to a report of an ongoing fight on Ridge Rd. in Jericho, VT. Investigation determined that the **Chris Colt**, 22, of Jericho, VT, had assaulted two of his live in brothers identified as Travis Duval, 34 and Ted Munson, 36. In addition to two counts of Domestic Assault, Colt was also charged with Disorderly Conduct and Violation of Conditions of Release. Colt was lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center. Case #: 11A104822

**CORRECTIONS**

**Dear Readers,**

I was very pleased to receive an envelope last week with three pieces of the **Mountain Gazette** inside. Some reader had cut out and marked three errors in the paper. It was good to see that this individual read the paper entirely because one was an error in the CVAA senior meals, one was a headline in the Veterans Tribute and there was a third from an ad for the Sancta Lucia festival at a local church.

Sancta is the correct spelling in the reference to the Sancta Lucia Festival of Lights..

Thank you for reading the paper so closely. I do the best I can and I do make errors. So thank you for pointing them out to me.

I will be adding an issue on January 5, 2012 bringing the published number of papers to 24 per year. Please plan to send your information for that paper by December 29, 2011.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Boutin

**Vacancy on Huntington Conservation Commission**

The Huntington Selectboard encourages citizens of Huntington to apply to fill a vacancy on the Conservation Commission for a three-year term of service. The Commission meets the second Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM.

The Conservation Commission conducts natural resources inventories and collects information on native plants and animals, river water quality, and forestry, agricultural, historical, recreational and scenic resources. It promotes conservation through educational programs, newspaper articles, and natural history field trips. The Commission works with and assists the Planning Commission and Selectboard and local residents in matters concerning natural resources and environmental conservation. It serves in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard on the use of Conservation Fund money, the Fund established for the "acquisition and perpetual protection of critical historical, agricultural, and natural resources." More information on the Conservation

Commission can be found on the Town of Huntington website, in annual reports, or by talking with past or present Commission members. A detailed description of the "Powers and Duties of Conservation Commissions" can be found at Vermont Statutes Online, Title 24, Chapter 118, Section 4505.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Huntington Conservation Commission should submit a written letter of interest to the Town Administrator via email townhunt@gmavt.net, regular mail 4930 Main Road, Huntington, VT 05462, or hand deliver. The letter of interest should include the applicant's name, address, phone number, and email (if available), along with a statement that includes relevant background, experience, and qualifications and the reason they would like to be considered for this position. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2012.

**Coats available for kids at St. Thomas**

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus has initiated Coats for Kids campaign. The program provides winter coats for needy children at no cost to the family. The coats range in child sizes 8 to 18 and are available immediately. If you're in-

terested, or know of someone who may benefit from a coat, please contact the Parish office at 899 4632 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Free Holiday Recycles Craft Day at Ethan Allen Homestead**

Come join your friends and neighbors at the Ethan Allen Homestead on Saturday December 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM to learn how to make great holiday gift from everyday recyclable materials. Give the gift of sustainability with homemade ornaments, gift boxes and other great gifts without breaking the bank and while reducing your household waste. Recycled materials will

be provided, but feel free to bring any items you would like to use. Please contact Lauren Chicote, AmeriCorp Environmental Educator for the WVPD at [americorps@wvpd.org](mailto:americorps@wvpd.org) or at 802-863-5744 to register.

This event is free. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to COTS and the John Graham Emergency Shelter.

**Drivers needed by Huntington Everybody Resource Organization**

Huntington's volunteer ride share program is growing! Jean Strum, driver and volunteer coordinator says we are now at the point where we need to add more names to our list of volunteer drivers in order to help individuals looking for rides. The more response we get to this request,

the more people we can serve in the community. This is truly a rewarding experience and any amount of time a driver can provide is greatly appreciated. To learn more about how you can help, please contact Jean Strum directly at 434-8484 or send her an email [jean@gmavt.net](mailto:jean@gmavt.net).

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

**The Perfect Apple Pie**

By Suzanne Kusserow  
Senior Guest Columnist

There have been numerous requests (well, actually 4) for the secrets to my perfect apple pie. I have gained this fame through a variety of ways: being Director of the Apple Pie Camps, which have changed the culinary ambitions of a number of Underhill girls; practiced and practiced for the last 60 years; but most of all, adopting the bulk method of dough making, which has saved me from facing flying flour, greasy Crisco and squashed eggs, every time I wanted to make a pie. And it IS bulk: 16 cups of flour, 1 can butter-flavored Crisco, 4 T of salt, 4 T of sugar, mixed in a huge maple bowl, which, due to its 'seconds' state, has an exterior patch of Crazy Glue reinforcing a thin patch of wood. (It has done well....25 years and counting). I have another equally huge and ancient bowl, and it gets another 16 cups of flour, etc. (The bulk theory says that as long as there is flour flying all over, you might as well make a large amount.)

Mix with your hands (it is much more fun); just make sure you have scrubbed well. Add, well-stirred, 4 eggs, 4 T cider vinegar and enough water to reach 2 1/2 cups....maybe a touch more water, if you are using wheat flour (see caveat #3). And add means: mix with a light touch. Stop when it just begins to blend....no more! Gluten is what makes Play-Do, and it is formed upon immediate contact of wet with dry. So, don't encourage it with too much mixing. Now, let me regress and give you a few caveats:

1. Line up all ingredients, spoons, wax paper, measuring cups, fork, knife, rolling pin, large plastic baggies, CDs in the background, kids floating in and out.

2. Have a sink full of warm soapy water, with ancillary washcloths, towels, nail brushes, and anything else that will transform a flour and Crisco mix into hands again.

3. Try using some whole wheat flour, in place of some of the white flour. For an apple pie, it adds a special nuttiness. (Don't you hate people who use "some", "a bit of", "a little"? So, I will amend this to read: 3 cups of whole wheat flour, to 13 cups of white flour...Be warned, though; it will absorb liquids slightly differently

4. Plan on measuring. I have spent years (see above) making pies and in general, I still measure, except when whirling maple syrup all over the apples. Something of the Vermont spirit comes over me, and I need to prove my proud heritage by often overdosing.

5. Expect to have a fight with the large baggies into which you will put portions of the dough. And expect to lose. If there is anyone brave enough to come near the counter, you can bribe them with the promise of a fresh pie; all they have to do is hold the baggies open, while you spoon. Then, you have to try and close the zippers, which are now dotted with blobs of sticky dough. This vexation, though, gives throwing the bags into the freezer, a touch of revenge.

Now to the apples: Aristotelian logic 2000 years ago, stated that A does not equal A; actually, the two are one: A is part not-A....things are the same as well as different. To translate to our subject: a pie apple is not a pie apple. I will state quite clearly, here, that I do not like MacIntosh apples. They are tasteless, are unable to maintain their stamina while being baked to death, and if you use an apple peeler, they are so soft they fall off the spikes that are necessary to the denuding of their skins. There are a couple of solutions: use Cortlands, Empires, Ida Reds, even Northern Spies. Since the latter is a harder apple, slice it more thinly than the others.... and I add a Granny Smith or two, for tartness.

Here is a chance to advertise your immense knowledge when you can say: "I used 3 Macouns, 2 Fortunes, 3 Ida Reds, and of course 2 Granny Smith for tartness." OK, I will admit this is going a little too far.

I also use an apple peeler...a wonderful invention, which once set an historical precedent for saving time. To prove my point, take 2 bushel of Cortlands, a 1/2 bushel of Empires, and an assortment of Northern Spies, and try hand-peeling. But a caution here: get a peeler with a clamp attachment, not a suction cup. The latter will work only when you inveigle (with the promise of a fresh apple pie) some poor soul to hold the peeler onto the counter. (The bribe might need be increased to 2 pies.)

So now we have dough resting on the counter (interesting term, since the dough has been, according to the most stringent of rules, handled sparingly and with well-calculated exercise. And we have the apples in a large bowl; let's go there first. Here are the apple caveats:

1. Use grade B or, if you can get it, grade C maple syrup. Pour on generously; how much I cannot say. It is too individual. I slop it on, but also realize that you don't want to kill the apple flavors with too much sweetness. Taste an apple slice between pours....when does it taste right to YOU? (My, that is putting the ball in your court, isn't it.)

2. You are on your own here, too. You will need thickening; I

use flour which I load on by the handful....the only clue I can give you...stop when the maple syrup looks 'milky' with flour.

3. Sorry, I promised personal experience, some failures, which are always translated into "teachable moments", and the insights gained, I hope, through many years of doing this. I did not promise proportions. And this holds true of spices, too. I use frozen ginger (grates better when frozen), stick cinnamon, pounded to fit into a coffee grinder, nutmeg, also pounded, a few cloves. Again, the proportions are up to you. Just remember, there is no such thing as correcting spices; once they are mixed in, that's about it....so smell and taste first.

Now we come to putting the two mixes together. Call them rules, if you like to be directed; ideas if you want to experiment for yourself (then, dear reader, you should have stopped paragraphs ago!)

1. Use Pyrex pie plates....you can see how the bottom crust is baking.

2. Rub in a few drops of oil, only on the bottom of the plate; much easier to slide out the first piece of pie....usually quite ornery.

3. Start rolling.....between sheets of wax paper. The bottom crust must be no thicker than 1/8 inch. (from vague measures, to a ruler, no less). Then, as my granddaughter says: "Now comes the tricky part!" The completed/rolled/ approximately circular dough needs to be plopped into the pie plate. Take off the top piece of wax paper, poise the dough over the pie plate and flip. Peel off the top wax paper (flour your fingers), and congratulations! You made it! Then spread the bottom only with an egg wash (one egg, with a little bit....oops, 1T water), and spread only on the bottom. If you wet the sides, it will just encourage sloughing of the sides and the resultant abandonment of the classical pie shape.) Put in a 425 degree oven, until it looks slightly baked....maybe, 3-5 minutes. Sorry, that's the best I can do.

Now you can go on to traditional apple pie making....the apples go in, all juicy and spicy. Make sure you take any leftover liquid and pour over the apples....My criterion for a good apple pie is that it bubbles happily and leaks all over the oven. You know where to go next: butter dots all over (not grease pretending to be butter).....a top crust tossed over the apples, plumped up with plenty of slices, crimped with a fork, trimmed neatly. Then, other hints:

1. Spread milk lightly over the top crust (and if you have a little bit of coffee with the milk, that browns the crust nicely). Only, don't spread along the crimped edges; they will get browned enough. Shake some sugar on the top; poke a few steam holes, and you're done.

2. Baking: I use a hot oven as long as I can (OK....20 minutes at least..... time being limited by peeking to see if the crimped

edges look too brown.) Then, to a 350 degree oven for as long as you can (at least 40 minutes)....i.e....check the bottom until it looks well-tanned, and the top looks like a Bahamas brown maiden. It should, and will, bubble....if you have not had the wisdom to put a pan beneath (or a small sheet of aluminum foil....small, to keep the heat focused under the pie), then you will learn next time....or, buy a self-cleaning oven.

3. If you want to 'be fancy', try rolling some coarsely-ground walnuts into the top crust....but, watch when you flip the crust onto the apple slices, as you want the nuts to come out on top (Sorry, I didn't mean to bring politics into this.)

So, there we are...the longest column I have ever written. If you stuck with me, thank you....or, were there no good TV shows on tonight and your choice was limited? If you have questions, try contacting me via Front Porch Forum, where there are some wonderful local conversations worth supporting. And let me know how the pie tasted! My son has rated my pies for quite a while, on a scale of 1-10. I have never gotten a 10. He believes, if he does that, I might not try any more, and then he will lose his franchise. Incidentally, he has made one apple pie in his life (he claims at least 6), and according to him, they were all champions! Must have been the genes.

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The Stewardship of the Urban Landscape (SOUL) program is offered through the Urban and Community Forestry Program, a collaborative effort of University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and helps build volunteers' capacities to lead and participate in forestry-specific projects in their communities. The course, which will be taught through Vermont Interactive Television (VIT), runs from February 11 through May 12 and includes eight Wednesday evening and three Saturday sessions.

The training is open to anyone interested in learning about trees and how to become involved in local forestry and urban landscape issues and projects. Topics include tree health, identification, planting and maintenance, Vermont tree laws, public speaking and management of roadside vegetation and town forests, among others. Course graduates who complete 20 hours of volunteer service using their new skills to improve their community's urban and community trees and forests will become Vermont Tree Stewards.

Sessions will be held at VIT sites in Bennington, Brattleboro, Johnson, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph, Rutland, St. Albans, White River Junction and Williston. Some sites fill up quickly, so early registration is recommended.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$80, if received by December 30 or \$100 until January 20. Registrations after that date will be charged an additional \$20 late fee. The registration fee includes all course materials including the comprehensive SOUL course manual.

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## Chipmunks pick up their trash

By Bernard Paquette  
Recycling Columnist

I feed birds thereby I have fed first squirrels and now chipmunks. I have played block and tackle with squirrels for years with some success keeping them out of our birdfeeders. Now new competitors have arrived-chipmunks.

The squirrels are mysteriously gone, no longer visiting our bird feeders. Chipmunks took up residence after the squirrels departed for more adventurous fun in someone else's yard. Either my squirrel evading tactics were too challenging or my birdseed was too old to bother with anymore. At first, I thought how lovely a creature the chipmunk. Small, soft looking, pretty shades of brown, wiggly little noses, fat cheeks, tiny mouse like feet. Soon though I realized, as the vacancy sign came down, that the new residents were similar to the old - both being zealous pick up artists.

Summer is short. Spending all day trying to out-fox chipmunks was not on my agenda-so down came the bird feeder. A few weeks after reluctantly taking down the bird feeder for the summer, like the squirrels the chipmunks made fewer and fewer appearances. By early August, the blueberries in our backyard turned purple yet birds seemingly had not noticed. I eagerly guarded over them checking the progress twice a day, sampling a few for ripeness. Just as I figured I would begin picking berries, the chipmunks raided the harvest. Let me tell you, chipmunks do not need pint baskets when they go on Pick Your Own ventures. These cute, furry, yet damnable creatures can quickly and efficiently pick and store a human handful of blueberries in their greedy little cheek pouches that expand as easily as balloons.

Adding salt to the wound the chipmunks even feasted on the sunflowers, nearly dosing the last ray of late summer sunshine from the lower end of our garden area. Now I believe in sharing with wildlife, in fact I have planted



an assortment of plants specifically for, or at least to share with, birds and other wildlife. However, I think pound for pound these sometimes not so adorable chipmunks outdo their squirrel cousins in their consumption appetite. One afternoon as I emptied coffee grounds into our compost barrel, I heard a quick scampering, looked inside, and sure enough a chipmunk had practically set up a dining table and was probably glad for the incoming coffee to accompany the day old pastries and other food scraps.

It is a love hate relationship. Chipmunks eat seeds intended for birds but they also bury nuts that may contribute to new hardwood trees and I have to admit I find them a wee bit cute at times. Admirably, chipmunks keep their sleeping quarters extremely clean. They store shells and other garbage in refuse tunnels. If only we could teach chipmunks to collect our littered trash. In the meantime, we will have to rely on those people who pick up littered trash throughout the fall and winter.

Start your own *Trash Patrol*, pick up a piece every day-help keep your community green and clean.

View and comment on *Litter with a story* to tell columns by going to my blog @ <http://litterwithastorytotell.blogspot.com/>

## SONSHINE

By Pat Richmond  
United Church of Underhill Columnist

The United Church of Underhill, located on Route 15 in Underhill Flats beside the park, has its worship service and Sunday School at 10:30 on Sunday mornings — all are invited. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Visit us on-line at [unitedchurchofunderhill.com](http://unitedchurchofunderhill.com).

The next "Free Food for All" dinner sponsored by the United Church will be on December 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Everyone in our communities is invited; bring your family, bring a friend, bring your neighbor. There is no charge, but a free will offering is accepted to support missions of the church.

On November 20 during worship, the Church families overflowed the 4-foot cornucopia with Thanksgiving food donations for 3 families selected through our Partners in Need program. The families were supplied with a sumptuous dinners, with the excess food donated to our local food shelf.

The United Church of Underhill has an abundance of activities to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Our "Sunday Morning Cafe" adult education offering entitled "Given and Giving" will be held each Sunday morning during Advent (Nov. 27 - Dec. 18) at 9 a.m. at the Church.

A Children's Gift Making Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 3, from 1-3 p.m., for children in grades K - 5 to make gifts for their family for Christmas. Drop off your children and take some time to do some of your own Christmas preparations. This workshop is open to all children in our communities. Please call Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information or to pre-register. Registration is not required, but it will help plan for the right amount of materials for the workshop, which is provided at no charge by the United Church.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, there will be a special worship service of choral music and dramatic readings entitled "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem." Directly after worship, the Church Christmas tree will be decorated. After that, there will be an opportunity to visit homes in the area for Christmas Carol singing.

During the worship service on Dec. 18, the youth of the Church will present the Christmas pageant.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 8:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the United Church for a Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion. A special mission offering will be taken. Christmas is on a Sunday this year (how appropriate!); the United Church will hold a special family service and carol sing with the Jericho United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m. (note change in time).

On New Year's Day — again a Sunday — our worship will be based on the theme of "Telling of Simplicity." Communion, usually served on the first Sunday of the month, will be served on Jan., 8 instead.

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EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

**Friday and Saturday December 2 and 3 Creative Women Holiday**, Friday noon-6:00 PM; Saturday December 3, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Find gifts for everyone at our annual holiday sale of hand-woven textiles including seconds and discontinued items, ornaments, baskets, jewelry and other intriguing objects.

**Saturday December 3 Christmas Bazaar**, St Ann Catholic Church, 41 Main St., Milton, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Decorated fresh Wreaths; White Elephant Table; Crafts; Bake sale including: homemade donuts, pies, baked beans and candies; silent auction and a Raffle with many prizes. Come enjoy Lunch with a variety of Homemade Soups.

**Christmas Bazaar** at the Shelburne United Methodist Church, corner of RT 7 and Church Street in Shelburne, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Luncheon served 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM. For more information, contact BettyJean Bogue, 985-3981

**Westford Christmas Basket Auction**, UCW White Church, top of the green, Westford VT, 7:30 PM following the lighting of the town Christmas tree. Beautiful baskets of food, wine, cheese, gifts, toys, coffee and wide variety of Christmas decorations will be featured at the auction. Quilts, art work, knitted goods and designer jewelry will be among the many surprises. The lighting of the town Christmas tree will be followed by refreshments organized by Westford school children and served at the UCW church. Auction to follow immediately after.

**Local Artisan and Craft Fair** at the Underhill Central School, 6 Irish Settlement Road, Underhill Center, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Over 20 local vendors, home-made soup and bake sale and local holiday wreaths.

**Sunday December 11 Community Breakfast**, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810, from 8:00 to 11:00 AM in the parish hall. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. Proceeds from this breakfast will go towards various charitable organizations. You may call the church office at 899-4632 if you have any questions.

**Saturday December 17 Christmas Pageant/Play of Miracle on 34th St.**, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., at 7:00 PM. All are welcomed FREE.

**Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve Services**, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., 6:00 PM family candle light service and 8:00 PM candle light service with communion.

**Sunday December 25 Christmas Day Service**, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., 9:30 AM - Kids wear your pajamas.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Chittenden County Postage stamps** and post card club meets every first Wed. of the month 6:15 -8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building. South Burlington Information email: [Laineyrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:Laineyrapp@yahoo.com) or call me at 802 660-4817

The **Essex Art League** holds monthly meetings at the First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex Jct. For information, 862- 3014.

**Chittenden County Stamp Club**, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, GE Healthcare, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

**Eagles Auxiliary #3210** holds bingo at the club house on Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Sally at 644-5377.

**Handbell ringers**, Tuesday evenings, United Church of Underhill. All are welcome at rehearsals. Two ensembles; opportunity for small groups/shorter time periods. We ring a variety of music in a variety of settings and look forward to new faces joining us. Beginners welcome! Call Roger, 899-3106, for information.

**Micah's Men of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the church at 7:30 AM. For more information call 899-1722.

**Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers** gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 16, 2010; Thursday January 25, 2011; and Thursday February 24, 2011.

**The Women of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

**The VT-French-Canadian Genealogical Society** - Do you have more time in the summer to start finding your ancestors? Do you need help filling in those blank spaces in your family tree? We have resources such as the VT Vital records to help with that and we can help anyone get started. The VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We're open Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and the following Satur-

days, July 9 and August 13. We will be closed September 3. Parking and entrance across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "Wing It" group meets Sundays - 11:00 AM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (there is a \$10 charge for the brunch)

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Step meeting

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker Discussion meeting

**Alzheimer's Support Group** - Free educational support group series for families coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This series gives caregivers the opportunity to better understand and develop strategies for the future. Held monthly at The Arbors at Shelburne. For more information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, Director of Family Services, The Arbors at Shelburne, 985-8600.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets 6:00 - 7:00 PM Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. TOPS Chapter 145 Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15- 6:00 PM.

**Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network**, support group for women with breast cancer, meets first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP at 524-8479.

**Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group**, first Tuesday of each month, 5:15 - 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room #2, St. Albans. This support group offers men opportunities to educate themselves and each other; share and learn from each other's experiences; offer support to each other, a spouse or partner; and advocate early detection of prostate cancer. For information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

**Statewide Quit Line**, Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-YES-QUIT (1-877-937-7848). Free.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "Keep It Simple" group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM and Saturdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats.

KIDS

**Playgroups** are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or [underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com).

Mondays: Jericho Community Center 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library 8:45-10:15 AM

Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st three Thursdays of the month

Fridays: Underhill Central School 9:00-10:30 AM

Also: Welcome Baby Group: for families with children birth-walking age. Thursday 10:00-11:30 at Richmond Free Library.

**Bolton Family Play Night**, in the Smilie School gym, usually the first and third Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Free. Mostly unstructured play with the school's equipment. Contact Tim Grover, 434- 4180.

**Kids' Yoga**, 3-5 years & 6 years and up. Toddler tumbling and new moms' groups. The Well, 644-6700.

**Early Literacy Storytime**, Thursdays, 11:00 AM at Westford Public Library. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. We welcome new families! For more info, contact Victoria at 878-5639 or [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us), or visit our website [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us) and click on Events @ Your Library.

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

**Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors** meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

**Johnson Community Meal** - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30AM-12:30pm at the United Church in Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. The meal will be followed by a community gathering. For more information, please contact: Ellen Hill: 635-1439, [ellen.hill@jsc.edu](mailto:ellen.hill@jsc.edu).

**Westford Senior lunches** - Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station. Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

**Huntington senior meal site** - The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

**"Good Food for All" free dinners**, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

**St. Jude's Church**, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

**Starksboro First Baptist Church**, Starksboro - senior meals, fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM, call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354 for more information.

**"Good Food for All" free dinners**, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5 - 7 p.m., and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone in the communities is invited.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Pilates** classes for all levels. A 6-week session will begin on Saturday morning, November 5 to December 10 from 9:30-10:45 AM at Mt. Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on RT 15 in Jericho. Please

call Lisa Timbers for details - 899-4191

**Zumba**, NEW CLASS: Mondays 5:30pm 11/28-12/19. Ongoing: Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM, JerichoCommunity Center. For more info contact Lori Preiss at 899-0343 or visit website: [www.greenmountainzumba.com](http://www.greenmountainzumba.com).

**Zumba** - Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. \$7. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or [pamaj68@aol.com](mailto:pamaj68@aol.com).

SUPPORT GROUPS

**CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome**, 1:00 to 3:00 PM every third Thursday at: The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center Burlington, VT call or visit website [www.vtcfids.org](http://www.vtcfids.org) or Lainey at 802 660-4817 or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

**Alzheimer's support group**, third Wednesday, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

**Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education** (AAWARE) in the Lamolle Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park.)

**Veterans Job Networking**, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, VFW Post, Essex Jct.; 1:00 - 2:30 PM, American Legion Post, St. Albans.

**Eating Disorders Parental Support Group**, third Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Center. For parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. For information, Peter, 899-2554.

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

**Cambridge Area Rotary** meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 - 8:00 AM. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793- 0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

**Westford Fire Department**, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, [jquinnvnt@aol.com](mailto:jquinnvnt@aol.com)

**Jericho-Underhill Water District** meets first Monday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. For information, call 899-4076 or 899-3810.

**Jericho Historical Society**, second Thursday, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

**Jericho Underhill Park District Board** meeting, first and third Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

**Jericho Energy Task Force** meets the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop** located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thurs. Please check us out.

**Westford Food Shelf**, open on the third Saturday of every month, 8:00 - 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## HEALTH INFORMATION

## Sniffing Out Solutions to Body Odor

By Dr. Lewis First  
First with Kids

Parents have been asking me to come clean about the subject of body odor – why do some children have it even before they become full-fledged teenagers, and what can be done about it? Let me see if I can roll on – or should I say roll out – some information on the topic of body odor.

First, there is no problem that can cause a child more embarrassment and hurt self-esteem than body odor, so even recognizing that this is a problem and talking about it with your child puts you ahead of the game.

Most body odors start at the time that puberty begins, as hormones in your child's body increase and in turn increase the amount of sweating they are apt to do. The odor that results is due to skin bacteria breaking down compounds in the sweat, which produces chemicals that have a terrible odor – especially in the area of armpits, feet, and groin.

Therefore, the best approach to combat body odor is to reduce the amount of sweat produced and the number of bacteria on the skin's surface. How can this be done?

Washing with an antibacterial soap can reduce the number of bacteria, as can deodorants that contain bacteria-killing metals such as aluminum, zinc, and zirconium and contain scents that mask underarm odor.

Use of an antiperspirant combined with a deodorant will reduce the amount of sweat produced by the sweat glands and at the same time cover up the bad smell.

Cotton T-shirts, socks, and underwear will help absorb sweat more effectively than other synthetic fabrics do. Your child's clothes should be washed after they are worn, or they will continue to carry the body smell.

What you eat can also make a difference. Fish, cumin, curry, onion, and garlic lead the list of foods that can give off an odor through your skin, so avoid these if body odor is a problem for your child.

If routines of good hygiene, food avoidance, and use of an antiperspirant and deodorant don't work, speak with your pediatrician who may recommend other prescription products to reduce the production of sweat and improve the body odor.

## BIRTHS

**James Sistare** of Earl's Cyclery & Fitness has been promoted to Commercial Fitness Equipment Sales Mgr., James has worked at Earl's Cyclery & Fitness for 6 years and is a 2010 graduate, Champlain College.

Local author **Gudrun Quinlan** of Jericho, VT, publishes *The Shadow People*, a collection of 40 very short fictional stories. Watching her kids grow up way too quickly inspired her to write about them as well as their road and hiking trips, mostly in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the Adirondacks in New York. The book is available at amazon.com. Her next collection of twelve very short stories "Lost and Found" is scheduled to be released on December 1, 2011.

After nine years of life in New York City, **Paul Gosselin**, packed his bags, bought a car and headed west to the city of angels. "I knew that if I wanted to pursue a career in film and television, I needed to be where the action is, and Hollywood is that place." In September, Paul's road trip across the country was filmed and promoted on the smart phone application Mobli, which recently was endorsed by Leonardo DiCaprio. "I couldn't believe it when I appeared on the application's homepage in between videos of DiCaprio and David Arquette who was campaigning for votes on *Dancing with the Stars*. All I was doing was driving cross country! But hey, it helped build my followers."

Now after less than two months in Los Angeles, Paul will make his LA stage debut December 1 at the Archway Theatre in historic downtown LA. "I'm Playing Sigmund Frost in the world premiere of *The Many Murders of Kristopher K. Kringle*, an irreverent and hilarious holiday murder mystery where everyone is a suspect and everyone has a theory about who done it." Paul can't reveal if he is the real killer or not, but he does play out another character's version of Kringle's murder. For more information on the Archway visit [www.archwayla.com](http://www.archwayla.com) and to continue to follow Underhill Center's rising star, check out: <http://about.me/paul.gosselin>. Paul Gosselin was born and raised in Underhill Center, Vermont and moved to New York City in 2002. A member of AFTRA, he has appeared on *One Life to Live*, *Saturday Night Live* and *The Good Wife* to name a few. BroadwayWorld.com has twice named Paul "One of the 100 Theater Tweeters to Follow" on the social media site. In 2011, Paul relocated to Los Angeles and he continues to pursue his acting career.

More information about Paul can be found online at [www.paulgosselin.net](http://www.paulgosselin.net).

## OBITUARIES



**Maurice Garceau**, 86, Richmond, VT, died on Saturday November 19, 2011. Born on October 18, 1925, and raised on a farm in Swanton, VT, Maurice was the fourth of 11 children born to the late Ulemas Garceau and Leona Goyette. Maurice worked at Wright and Morrissey, Fanny Allen Hospital, and IBM. He moved to Richmond, VT in 1980. Always a dedicated and hard worker, Maurice was skilled in farming, all types of construction work, and gardening. He had a huge sweet tooth, and loved cats, children, and had a magical touch with wildlife. He very much loved his wife, Marie Theresa, and missed her dearly in the 19 years since her passing in 1992. Maurice is survived by three siblings, Roger Garceau of Phoenix, Ariz., Cecile Payne of Cabot, VT, and Theresa Bishop of Islandtown, S.C. A memorial service were held on November 30, 2011, at 1:00 PM. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, 64 West Main St., Richmond. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Chittenden County. For more information, please call 802-434-5344.



**Frank Wythe Goss**, died at his home in Underhill, VT on October 1, 2011, after a brief illness. Frank was born in Phillipsburg, Pa. on August 4, 1921, and graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in electrochemical engineering. During the Second World War, he worked for Bell Laboratories doing war-related research. After the war he and Marjorie founded Contemporary Ceramics, later known as Onion River Pottery, which he operated until his retirement in 1985. Frank loved sailing, tennis, skiing, and choral music. He was also a licensed private pilot. He sang with the Masterwork Chorus, the UVM Choral Union, and the Oriana Singers. He is remembered for his quirky sense of humor, which stayed with him up to and through his final illness. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, her three sons and grandchildren; his first wife, Marjorie Major and five of their six children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Ripley Quinby Jr.**, a longtime resident of Huntington and Shelburne, VT, died in Agawam, Mass. on November 8, 2011, after a brief illness. Born on October 31, 1924, in East Orange, N.J., he was the son of Elsie and Ripley Quinby. His mother's family was from Milton, VT, where they owned a dairy farm, and he spent as much time there as he could. He served in the 10th Mountain Division's Italian campaign in 1944-45, and was decorated a number of times. Rip attended

UVM, ran an insurance firm in Burlington and received several patents for his various inventions. His four children; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, survive him. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday December 10, 2011, at Trinity Church, 5171 Shelburne Road, Shelburne. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury/Stowe Rd., Waterbury Center, VT 05677, [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org), or to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy St., Boston, MA 02018, [www.outdoors.com](http://www.outdoors.com).

**Ruth Mary (Montgomery) Randall**, 82, Jeffersonville, VT, passed away on Friday November 25, 2011, at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington with Susie, Richard, Ricky and Lisa by her bedside. She was born on August 8, 1929, in Fairfield, daughter of the late Dell and Delia (Drosia) Montgomery. Ruth worked for Milton and Bradley retiring after many dedicated years. She also assisted The Trapp Family Lodge for several years in housekeeping. She loved "Out and About," a senior based group, especially enjoying Tuesdays which was music day. She liked crafts and knitting and had enjoyed attending the horse pulls with her husband Paul. Ruth thought the world of all of her family, especially her family of grandchildren. She will be missed by all those who had the true pleasure to have known her. She is survived by her son, Darrell Randall and wife, Debbie, of Holland; daughter, Suzanne Williamson and husband, Richard, of Cambridge; sisters, Janet Wells, Betty Neveau, and Jackie McDonald; four grandchildren, Lisa Rosenlund and husband, Dave, Ricky Williamson, Jake Randall, and Jessie Randall; three great-grandchildren, Emily and Ryan Rosenlund, and Caleb Bickford. She was also predeceased by her husband, Paul in 2005; her brothers, Wendall, Merriman, Philip, Robert, Frederick, Alton, Oakley, and Wayne; and sisters, Bernice Trudel, Beatrix Montgomery, Vera Emch, and Phyllis Roberge. The family would like to extend a special Thank You to her grandson, Ricky, for his dedicated care and loving attention. Visiting hours were held on Sunday November 27, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday November 29, 2011, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church in Cambridge, VT with the Reverend Charles Danielson officiating. Inurnment date and time was announced at the Funeral Mass. Memorial contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to Cambridge Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 431, Jeffersonville, VT 05464. Arrangements are by A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel - 1176 Main Street, Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting [www.awrichfuneralhomes.com](http://www.awrichfuneralhomes.com).

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## School Photo's Plagiarized

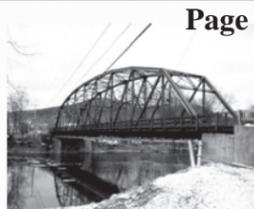
By Andrew Champlin & Paul Eells

Photo by A. Champlin

**Jericho, Vermont**-On November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Andrew Champlin and Paul Eells interviewed students and took a survey about posting school pictures on Facebook. We asked if they thought it was plagiarizing. This came after the photographer, Diane Parenteau, said that people were plagiarizing her pictures. Out of the 22 Browns River Middle School (BRMS) students Champlin and Eells surveyed, only one put pictures on Facebook and only three knew it was plagiarizing.

It all started about a few weeks ago when students were given their school pictures and then scanned them and posted them on Facebook. "Most people do it because of lack of knowledge," said Parenteau, "But a few do it because they don't care. I think everyone, everywhere does it."

These pictures are how Parenteau makes a living, and if people are making their own online copies she doesn't get paid. Jamie Dionne, a BRMS student, said, "It really isn't fair. If it really is that important just put out a notice on the school intercom." The only place that this information was shown was in the school paper, the River Raider. Not many kids look at it so the news wasn't very wide spread.



## Work on Bridge is Cut Short

By Nicholas Cook

**Richmond, Vermont**- In one week, repainting work on the Bridge Street Bridge will be cut short due to cold weather. It will remain only a one lane route for the remainder of the winter.

The Bridge street Bridge is a landmark in Richmond. It connects Richmond to Rt. 2. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, the town of Richmond hired Phoenix Development to paint the 80 year old bridge. The town chose red for the new paint.

They had planned to finish work by October 28<sup>th</sup>. But it ended up behind schedule so they decided to stop construction on December 1<sup>st</sup> then restart in the spring. "It has been mostly a feeling of disappointment nobody's happy about it." Said Mr. Geoff Urbanik, Richmond town administrator. "I don't mind it I'm glad they're preserving it" said Mrs. Brushett, a teacher who commutes everyday through the bridge.

is writing a story called **Mondays**. A chaotic after-life experience. Emma is sent off to The Academy, an institute in which she is supposed to learn "how to be a better fairy," much to her displeasure. This shows you that anybody in your community can take on the challenge and write a story. Writers from Browns River Middle School have taken the challenge and are racing for their 100% goal. "It's the positive experience that counts," said writer Allison Babbitt.

Leah Corbin interviewed Flannery Abbey and asked her "What or who made you do NaNoWriMo?" Corbin asked, "I started in fifth grade and I like writing. I guess I just wanted to be part of the legacy and say I did it!" Abbey said.

Writing a novel in thirty days takes a lot of time and hard work, but it's worth the whole creative journey.

## Soldier Returns

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support from the United States. Iraq will have a long road ahead of them but he sees peace in their future.

Roy has been away from his family and friends for almost a year between training and the eight months he has been fighting in Iraq. Roy regrets missing quite a few family events, including his daughter's first gymnastics recital. He is very excited to see his wife and daughter when he gets back and he plans on letting them decide what the first thing they do together will be.

SSgt. Roy has trained in several countries, including America, Germany, and Italy. He has been to Afghanistan and Iraq. He likes serving in the USSF because it gives him a chance to travel and meet other country's military members.

On October 23, 2011 United States President Barack Obama announced that all United States troops stationed in Iraq will be home by the end of the year 2011. When Obama was elected president in 2008 he stated that by the end of his term he would have all troops stationed in Iraq home. People like Roy all over the country are being reunited with their family, just in time for the holidays.



Photo by Joyce Babbitt

## Writers- Halfway Through the Journey

By Arianna Belfield and Leah Corbin

**Jericho, Vermont**- One Monday, November 8th, National Novel Writing Month writers from Browns River Middle School formed their stories and were trying to reach their individual and team goals for the second week. At home and at after school writing sessions, stories are being developed and now the writers have main characters and are getting deeper into their plots.

Browns River Middle School has the highest number of participants, a total count of 120 students and has the biggest group in the U.S. and the region.

An example of a story by a local writer is "Olympics" by Kai Gravel-Pucillo. This story takes place in the future and is about a series of games you try to stay alive in. Flannery Abbey



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## Burnett Rawson, a Community Hero

By Allison Babbitt

**Jericho/Underhill, Vermont**- Deborah Rawson Memorial Library is a busy hub of the community, an after school haven and a place where children and adults foster their love for literature. On a blustery November day I entered the library and wondered for the first time, who was Deborah Rawson?

Through assorted sources I learned that the lead donor of the library was Burnett Rawson and his wife Jessie S. Rawson. In 1992 Burnett and Jessie lost their only child, Deborah Rawson, at the age of 39. She had a love of reading, a gift for writing, and passion for helping others.

"To be honest I actually didn't know that the library would be named in honor of Debbie until the library board told me their decision," said Burnett, I immediately asked him, that if he didn't know the library was going to be dedicated to his daughter then why donate the time and money? His reply was "When you have money your either going to spend it or make it worthwhile, and at the time I couldn't think of anything better"

Rawson didn't stop at donating \$100,000 dollars towards building the library; he also created the Winnie Belle Learned Grant, helping the small and struggling libraries in Vermont and the Jessie S. Rawson Charitable Remainder Trust, to guarantee that the DRML's economic future will be secure.

As a child Rawson had a thirst of knowledge and a drive to learn. His mother showed him the love of God, his Aunt Winnie taught him to work hard and make

education a top priority. When Rawson graduated high school there was a mere four students in his class- two girls, two boys. Like many high school graduates of his time Burnett was forced to make a choice between two different paths, pursue college or work on the family farm.

"At that point going to college was a fantasy," recalled Rawson, as he reminisced. All of it seemed impossible until his Aunt Winnie Belle offer to support his education at the University of Vermont; in return he would work at her farm in Williston. "To her it was all business. I was a young mold, and she believed in education and needed help on her farm."

The two clicked and a relationship was formed that could be described as business-like yet loving. After many years of hard work on both the farm and on campus Burnett graduated college with his medical degrees.

Once in a while a hero is born, by chance the gift of this person's life is given to all of us, they are not necessarily the superman of the decade or the next president of the United States of America, but a person that a child, a teenager, or an adult can look up to and be inspired. Such a person is Burnett Rawson who will forever have a place in the hearts and minds of all who love the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Thank you Burnett Rawson!

## Local Resident Accomplishes Solar Goal

By Francesca Frost

Steve Webster, an Underhill resident, lives on Krug Road where he powers his own home and others with solar electricity. All because he wants to keep the amount carbon dioxide and other pollution down.

Steve has been interested in green energy since 1974. In 1974 he was a student at the University of Maine and was working with other students to find environmentally safe alternatives to Maine Yankee, Maine's nuclear power plant. They researched green energy and taught others about it. It has been a goal of his to someday help the earth and cut down on carbon dioxide. That is exactly what he did. He has a fixed array of 70 panels and five trackers in the field which produce all together about 37,000 kilowatt hours a year. Steve says "People are volunteering to pay a little bit extra because they want to support solar energy".

Steve provides power for his house, one other house on his road, and two other houses in Underhill. Even Governor Shumlin's office building in Brattleboro gets some of its electricity from comes from their solar panels. Steven has always wanted to have solar panels, to him this is a dream, free electricity, most of his hot water and some day he would like an electric car. The solar panels could power the car for free.

This is how one local resident doing his part to utilize the sun's power into usable electricity.



Photo by Steven Webster

## Walk in the Park

By Kyle DeCoster

**Jericho & Underhill, Vermont**-On July 14<sup>th</sup> 1999 history was made in the Underhill, Jericho community. Two hundred sixteen acres of land which is now Mills Riverside Park was purchased by Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) then handed on to Jericho Underhill Parks District on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2000. The park has "four athletic fields, over six miles of trails, it has farmer's market in the summer, a big sledding hill, a multi-purpose pavilion, a very popular off-leash dog area" Livy Strong, chair person of Jericho Underhill Land Trust says. The Mills family was also very helpful in creating the park because they owned land including the site of Browns River Middle School and Underhill ID.

To make the park what it is now Jericho & Underhill needed help from Livy and over seven hundred volunteers and businesses, and several grants. When the park was finished it looked beautiful. Strong says that it has "breathtaking view of Mt. Mansfield, exquisite natural habitats that include the Browns River, a pond, open meadows, and a steep forested terrain."

Next time you walk in the park remember to thank the people who have helped make the park what it is.

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## Casella's Trash Moves Cleaner

By Madison Gay



**Jericho, Vermont**- You might not be able to see it, but Casella Waste Management, Inc. has made improvements to help the environment. Casella Waste Management (CWM) Inc., Casella is a Vermont based company with their Corporate Office in Rutland. CWM has new and improved garbage and recycling collection trucks that run on natural gas as opposed to Diesel Fuel. The trucks are 50% cleaner and 25% quieter than diesel. The trucks also emit 75% less carbon monoxide and 49% less smog causing nitrogen oxide than diesel. Both the diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks have about the same fuel mileage. These new trucks may be helping the environment and are more expensive than a typical collection truck. On the average they cost \$50 thousand more than the original garbage trucks. These trucks will burn about 51,000 gallons of natural gas a year, reducing emissions into the air and saving CWM money. Also, natural gas is a North American resource.

Casella's new collection trucks are purchased from a company that specializes in waste and recycling collection vehicles. Currently, CWM has six new CNG fueled trucks. There are three different CWM style trucks used to collect garbage, the side

loader, rear loader and front loader, CWM has one of each style.

On May 13, 2011, Casella celebrated the grand opening of their new \$750,000 fueling station for the CNG trucks. This celebration promoted a greener environment!

I asked John Gay, a civil engineer with Casella, a few questions: "From what you have seen do the new CNG trucks differ from the Diesel trucks?"

"They look exactly the same. Some of them have a sticker on the side that says *This vehicle is powered by Natural Gas*. The diesel trucks do have more power than the CNG trucks do." "Did you attend the ribbon cutting ceremony?" I asked. "No, but I did help set up for it," responded John.

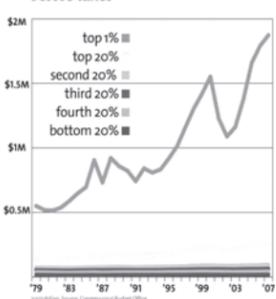
"What are some of the down sides of the CNG trucks," I asked. John indicated, "You can only fuel up in one location right now, which is at a CWM facility located in Williston, Vermont on Avenue C".

I say, we need to care for our environment, Go Green!

## Occupy Burlington Protest Continues

By Max Varela, Laura Mackenzie and Grace Patton

### AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME before taxes



**Burlington, Vermont**- On November 9<sup>th</sup>, people gathered at City Hall Park in Burlington, Vermont to protest against economic inequality. Some occupiers shared their thoughts with us.

One of Occupy Burlington's slogans is, "We are, the 99%!" When asked what this meant on Wednesday this week, Joe, a resident of Burlington said, "To me, 99% is the percent of people that work for other people." Todd, another demonstrator stated, "99% of the world has no say in our decisions." He later said, "When business owners find out what the government is doing, they will be down here." Todd was very knowledgeable as he was the head of print media.

A majestic tepee is being constructed in preparation for winter. Activists are making plans to stay as long as they must to get their point across. Todd implied that with the coming of spring, Occupy Burlington will explode. "When people find out what the government is doing, they will come join us." What exactly Todd means by this is unclear.

When asked if Todd was ever scared the police would come to City Hall Park to arrest people, he remained silent and thoughtful for quite a long time before answering. "Burlington is a smaller community." When he said this he was referring to Oakland and Wall Street. "It is a smaller place so police know people who are occupying therefore there is less hostility." "Here in Burlington I am not afraid, nationally yes." This is an extremely insightful answer that many people at the camp could agree with.

## Killington Gives HUGE Deals!

**Killington, Vermont** - During all of November this year, Killington ski resort is giving discounts up to 50% to all residents of Vermont with a valid driver's license. The discounts work for hotel rooms, ski lifts, and other shopping items because of the hard economic times.

For Killington, November is just a month between fall and winter when the snow starts to fall, but now it is being used as an opportunity for Vermonters to get great deals on anything Killington has to offer.

"Well, being a snowboarder I like to go up on the mountain for a week or so, but I can never really have enough money to do that, but now with the deals Killington is giving, I'll have enough money to stay a extra weekend!" says Jon Cabral

So, whether you are just looking for a nice relaxing place to stay, or if you're a hardcore snowboarder, Killington has the deals to make your stay with them awesome and more affordable!

## DRASTIC CHANGES COMING TO BRMS SCHEDULES

By Jack Leach and Josh Graining

**Jericho, Vermont**-Significant changes to the student schedules at Browns River Middle School (BRMS) are taking place next year. Changes are being made because of increased requirements for core classes, a mass retirement of teachers, and an opportunity to reduce school spending on teachers' wages.

The State of Vermont has required specific changes to core classes, such as integrating technology into all classes. The new district minimum is 300 minutes of math and language arts, as well as at least 200 minutes of science and social studies per week. All in all, 1,000 minutes per week must be scheduled for these classes. Superintendent John Alberghini said "I feel that all young students need to be proficient in math and science to be college and career ready."

Reducing these classes will reduce the tax load in our community.

Computer as well as family and consumer science classes will be merged with other classes.

Another factor contributing to these changes is that eight or nine teachers are retiring at the end of this year (see article [Mass Retirements for Browns River Teachers](#)). This provides an opportunity to restructure staff needs and reduce the schools spending on teachers wages, further reducing taxes. Not all of this is beneficial; some gym classes are already reduced to one 50 minute class per week, and recesses have been reduced to three per week for some classes. One student argued "If you cut recesses and gym classes, you're going to have to let the students bounce off the walls in class."

## Browns River Middle School Competes in Local News Contest.

By Ella Bergin and Jenna McCarthy

**Jericho Vermont**- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade OLE team at Browns River Middle School, has been writing this week, as if they were reporters, competing in the above contest sponsored by Vermont Public Television. And hopefully get published in a news paper with all their work.

It was their second story this week and they are getting ready to publish their stories into the Browns River Riders and the Burlington Free Press. They hope to put their local stories in the paper and have people from our community to read them. Every

student has found and written their own local news article for the OLE news paper to send to Above the Fold. Above the fold is a Vermont business that guides you as a writer so you learn to write as the best as you can be and not just lay words down on the table. Above the Fold lets you move on to bigger and better things as a writer, and not just let you sink in-between the couch cushions in your living room. That is why they are holding a contest for the best news articles. This is what OLE is shooting for. Articles such as "Writers-Halfway Through the Journey" written by Leah Corbin and Arianna Belfield "Local

residents accomplishes solar goals" Written Francesca Frost Hunger Takes a Holiday in Richmond" written by Nate Lozier. Patty Brushett as the L.A and Social Studies Teacher has been working hard to make their articles as best as they can be. She said that "Even if we don't win, I will send are Ole Times news paper to ever paper and, say they can pick and choose any article they want." She knows that is will be hard to win but she has faith that OLE can to this!

# Browns River Middle School students practice journalism

## Cartoons

**Jericho Vermont**-Over the past week or so, after studying cells and other unicellular organisms, BRMS students created their own cell cartoons for a project in Mr. Parmelee's science class. Students made their own special cartoon, explaining facts and at the same time making their comics funny and enjoyable. -Nate King-



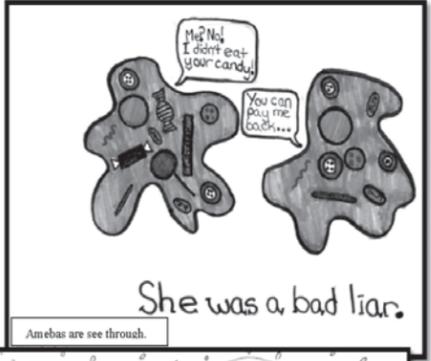
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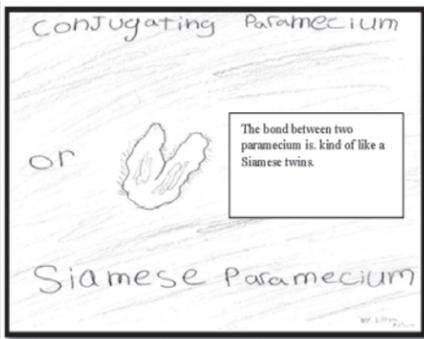
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Amebas are going to a night club. Amebas constantly separate.



Amebas are see through.



The bond between two paramecium is kind of like a Siamese twins.



Two daphnia cells pulling a sled. Parameciums are much faster.

## Hunger Takes a Holiday in Richmond

By Nate Lozier

**Richmond Vermont**- This week, while all of the other food shelves are preparing for their big Thanksgiving donations, the Richmond Food Shelf is staying the same. Why, you ask? Marcia Levison, volunteer and manager, says that "families are hungry year round, not just during the holidays." Focusing and working hard on year-round service is the Richmond Food Shelf's mission. As usual, they will be serving food 2 times a month. Families will get 3-5 days' worth of donated food. You're probably thinking that there will not be too many donations. Well, unfortunately, you are right. But, the Vermont Food Bank sells food to the Richmond Food Shelf for 5 cents a pound. This way, they are able to donate enough food for local families. Some of these foods include meat, eggs, bread, canned goods and more. Local businesses like Green Mountain Coffee (coffee), Cabot (cheese), Bouyea-Fassetts (bread) and Shadow Cross Farm (eggs) donate their goods to the Richmond Food Shelf.



Goods Await Distribution in Richmond Food Shelf

Another way they get food is by selling clothes. Donators also bring clothes for the Richmond Food Shelf. These clothes also impact some of the foods shelves' amount of food donated to families. Donated clothing is sold at Richmond Food Shelf and the profits are used to buy food from Vermont Food Bank.

Even though they don't have a special holiday plan, Richmond Food Shelf will be helping families for the



Manager Marcia Levison and Maddy Ruth

holiday by providing hungry families with "amazing chickens." "The VYCC (Vermont Youth Conservation Corps) grew these



"The Amazing Chicken"

chickens from chicks on their farm and donated more than 100 to us," says

Levison, showing off one of the packaged chickens from the store fridge. She adds, "The VYCC helps us out a lot." Levison will include chicken soup recipes with the chickens as they are provided to the families, so that they can make more than one meal from it. The food shelf will also be sure to have stuffing and other holiday ingredients on hand. But they are determined to get everyone food, every day.

## AARP VT Finishes Up Report for Underhill/Jericho Grant

by Billy Bruce

**Underhill/Jericho, VT, November 13, 2011**- Nine members of the Walkable Livable Communities group, helped the AARP VT (American Association of Retired Persons) write a report for Underhill/Jericho so they could give some ideas for what the communities should spend their \$15,000 grant money from AARP on, and now that report is about to close.

The report will very soon be sent to Todd Odit (Jericho's town planner) and Cari Tapelbaum (Underhill's town planner). Then the nine members of Walkable Livable Communities, who help write the report, will go around the two communities and show people the report. Then in about one-hundred days, the communities will decide the fate of the \$15,000 dollars in grant money.

An idea is that a temporary mini circle is put in the north end of Underhill Flats. But there are four major issues/ideas that the report addresses and tries to support ideas for:

The people at the presentation worry about a crosswalk at the junction of Park Street and River Road. There are two crosswalks at that junction, one crossing Park Street, and another crossing River Road. The only problem with the crosswalk across River Road is that it leads to absolute nowhere. It just sends you into some brush by Browns River Middle School.

The second issue is the fact that Dickenson Street by BRMS is only one way. The fact that the street is one way makes Route 15 and River Road a hazardous junction for both pedestrians and cars. If they make Dickenson Street a two-way street, it will get rid of major traffic at the Route 15/River Road junction, because drivers will be able to go on Dickenson Street instead of having to go through the big junction.

A major idea is that the bridges before Clark's Truck Center, and Pokerhill Road get "decorated," which is supposed to show drivers that citizens and tourists= crossing the bridges are coming into town, and that they should slow down.

The other major idea is that double white lines are put on the sides of the road on all of Park Street so drivers would drive slower and with caution, so they can stay in between the white lines. On October 26, that day, a nationally known expert for road safety named Dan Burden took a group of AARP VT members on a walk around Underhill Flats via Route 15, River Road, and Park Street, in order to determine how safe it is to walk in the area. During that same evening, Dan Burden presented to some people in the Walkable Livable Communities group, a slide-show containing ideas and potential changes.

## Our Community

### Local Middle Schools Go Green

By Kai Gravel-Puallio and Flannery Abbey

#### The Dalziel Family Gives Back

By Jared Kesler and Jamie Dionne



**Jericho, Vermont**-This week the Dalziel family began collecting donations by going door to door in local neighborhoods for the Turkey Drive so they can reach their goal of 150 Turkeys!

The Dalziel family is having their 4<sup>th</sup> annual turkey drive to help the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf this November. The Dalziel family wants to help make sure everyone has a turkey for Thanksgiving this year. As Miranda Dalziel said "We're just a family trying to make a difference". The family is putting out donation canisters for people to donate money. You can find these canisters anywhere around Chittenden County at local stores and gas stations throughout the month.

Four years ago, the Turkey Drive was first started. It was the day before Thanksgiving in 2008. Miranda was at home watching the news, when she saw that the food shelf was low on turkeys. She called her husband and said we have 24 hours to collect as much money as possible. They collected enough for 400 pounds of turkey!

"When we drop off the food every year the look on every ones face with an open mouth", said Miranda, the leader of the Turkey Drive. It reminded her of the reason that she did it, because it helps other families out to have a good Thanksgiving. The thought of Thanksgiving with no turkey is sad. Last year they raised enough money to donate 125 turkeys to the food shelf, with the help of family and friends. This year the family is hoping to donate 150 turkeys and they need your help to make their goal come true. You can learn more about the Turkey Drive and the Dalziel family [www.consultwithvip.com/turkeydrive](http://www.consultwithvip.com/turkeydrive).

**UNDERHILL/RICHMOND, VT**- Browns River Middle School (BRMS) and Camels Hump Middle School are moving towards greener living. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 new solar powered lights are being installed in the Browns River Middle School parking lot, and Camels Hump has already installed a new solar array on their roof. These schools are leaders in the solar change happening all over Vermont.

The initiative for installing the new solar parking lot lights grew from a problem: the wires leading from BRMS to the light posts at the parking lot were rotting. After being approached by students from our school, the district board decided to install new solar charged lights. These lights were made possible by Team OLE of Browns River Middle School and an energy bond that voters voted for in 2009.

A similar project took place at another local school. Five hundred seven solar panels (each three by five feet) were installed on the roof of Camels Hump Middle School and cost a total of \$500,000. They generate about 20-60% percent of the school's electricity on an average day, saving Camels Hump \$27,000 on their yearly electricity bill. They received a grant of \$250,000 from the Vermont Clean Energy Fund for the project. A grant from Green Mountain Power paid for \$20,000. A congressional earmark was given to Camels Hump by Senator Sanders to promote the idea of schools using solar and so that they could help lead the way to greener schools through solar. (An congressional earmark basically directs funds to be used in a specific way).

The grant from Clean Energy Development Fund grant was applied for in February 2009, and was received by Camels Hump in May 2009. The actual installation and completion to the solar panels was done in the summer of 2011. The panels started functioning mid-September, but the actual ribbon cutting ceremony was November 4<sup>th</sup>.

"What you are showing is what a school in a community can do," Senator Sanders commented. Both Browns River Middle School and Camels Hump Middle School are leaders in the solar revolution going on in Vermont and their actions are inspiring other schools to follow. Brewster Pierce Memorial School is one of those schools, and they have installed a smaller solar panel project then the one at Camels Hump.

The solar projects going on at both middle schools will hopefully keep changing and inspiring Vermont's community so that more schools will follow the lead and soon almost all of Vermont will have one solar aspect or another to help preserve resources.



## Underhill and Jericho Residents Express Opinion

By Lauren Hagerty, Hannah Dionne, and Anna Burke

**Jericho and Underhill, Vermont**-On Sunday November 13, citizens of Jericho and Underhill, Vermont shared what they enjoyed about living in Jericho and Underhill, what they would change, and where they run into people they know in town.

Eight people agreed that the best aspect of Jericho and Underhill is its community feel. Scott Lawrence is a citizen of Jericho that we interviewed that stated they liked the community feel. "I do like how they have good schools with helpful, professional teachers and what I like to call, intelligent thinking people." When we asked Maryann Superknaut what she liked about living in Jericho or Underhill she replied, "Have you ever heard of the old show Cheers? In the theme song, it says 'I wanna go where everybody knows my name!' and that's what it's like here in Jericho." While interviewing Joyce Babbitt, librarian at Browns River Middle School, she said that, "Jericho and Underhill is about the most ideal place to raise a family, everyone is so nice and caring." We also asked citizens of Jericho and Underhill about where they find themselves running into people the majority says that they run into people at events up at Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU), and the Memorial Day parade.

Renee Hagerty says she bumps into people at events such as the music cabaret. Larry Hagerty sees the most people at Jolly's or other local convenient stores. Renee Hagerty says that she often sees people at the post office in Jericho Corners.

Jericho and Underhill are great places to live, and really a great place to raise a family or just live on your own. Seven people that we interviewed believed that Jericho and Underhill is rural and very "country-like", as Chris Coleman an employee at Caroline's Restaurant. We asked for specifics, most people replied they enjoy the trails in the forest or like how quiet it is out here, yet close to Burlington. At Jericho Town Library we interviewed Donna Malinowski who said "it's very rural... not much going on. We are close to the city. So you can get to Essex or Burlington in a matter of minutes while not being in the middle of all of the hustling and bustling." But there were still some dislikes about the towns, things that people would change if they could.

Almost every person shared that they would like a recreation center or community center. We talked to Jill Ziemiński, who is a sixth grade teacher at Browns River Middle school. She said, "I think, we need a community center that includes a pool, ice rink, just a whole gym for adults to work out and kids to hang out. Also a spa would be great too. I could see that happening in that empty lot across the street from here." (As we are at Browns River Middle School) "Just a cool place for teens to hang out and have fun." That is the most common response that we got from the citizens and employees we talked to.

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## Students Want the Internet

Editorial by David Ahlers

**Jericho, Vermont**-At Browns River Middle School in Jericho Vermont, kids may only view online material if they use the schools electronic devices. If a student wants to bring a laptop, or any kind of handheld device, they will not be granted permission to search the web.

Many people disagree with this policy because certain problems like cyber bullying and searching unproductive material are already prevented by filters.

Plus, with students bringing their own devices, more research could be done at any given time. It could contribute to cutting down the prices of the schools future electronics if students could bring their own.

Also, it would seem to be a downside if a student couldn't research a project just because they brought their own laptop, especially if they were a bright student who intended to use it for academic purposes only. Some students seem somewhat disappointed. On the other hand, it may be better for students to leave expensive devices like these behind, to minimize the chance of important devices getting broken or stolen. Electronics could also lead to a distraction in class.

Some parents say in schools that it could be a good idea to keep students offline so they stay on an academic path.

Deb Ahlers, a librarian at Norwich University says that "We have the same problem at the university. Some students often download movies and slow down the internet for others. There is also potential for security risks."

Kevin Hamilton, assistant principal at Browns River Middle School says "It is a challenge to have an open internet during school day. Not all students use the access for appropriate academic reason. It becomes a distraction for many students and causes many disruptions throughout the day. As students get older they learn to use the access in a less disruptive way."

## M. Heald Retiring Soon

By Ashley Greene

Maureen Heald the Family Consumer and Science teacher has told the school board that she will be retiring at Browns River Middle School in spring 2012.

Ms. Heald has been planning to retire at this time for a long time, she has loved teaching at BRMS and plans to keep busy during her retirement. Spending time with her grandchildren, reading, traveling to Florida and working as a Weight Watchers leader are some of the activities she is looking forward to.

Ms. Heald is one of several teachers retiring from BRMS. We are all going to miss Ms. Heald and her fun FACS class.

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## Sports



### Local Vermonter Amanda Pelkey plays Northeastern

By Jenna Latreure & Hannah Leavitt

her family, and the UVM team is phenomenal." Pelkey enjoys exercise and a movement class at UVM and plays a right forward position as a freshman in hockey.

Pelkey said, "After her college years she wants to be an Athletic Trainer and be a part of the Make-A-Wish foundation. "Now, Amanda doesn't have a lot of free time but when she does she enjoys exercise, a movement class at UVM, listening to music, socializes with friends, and definitely takes time to relax.

Pelkey said, "She used to be superstitious before each game. She would sit in the stands by herself, listen to the same song over and over, and would dance with friends to distract herself from thinking about the game to much." After their games their coach would always give the team chocolate milk and they would eat pasta.

Amanda has hopes to become a gold medalist and to bring home a big trophy to the small, but great Vermont state, with the wonderful coaching of Tim Bothwell (Head coach).

The UVM Women's Catamount hockey team, lost a competitive, fast passed game, on November 11, to Northeastern, with the score ending at 2-4. Amanda Pelkey, a right forward, a UVM freshman, 2010 and a U.S. Women's National Under -18 silver medalist, was astonishing to watch playing on a 4 on 5 penalty kill during the second period. She never let Northeastern near the net. In the third period, she was injured by taking a butt end of the stick into her lower abdomen. Pelkey, an outstanding player, played the rest of the game like nothing even happened. In the end, the Catamounts had 27 shots on goal, but couldn't come up with a win.

A local girl from Montpelier, VT, Amanda Pelkey, she had played 15 years of hockey and attended the North American Hockey Academy in Stowe before joining the UVM team at age 18. Amanda started to play hockey when her father put up a rink in their back yard for her brother. She also would play street hockey on roller blades with her brother and his friends. She made the under U-18 National U.S.A. hockey team at the age of 16. Last year, in 2010, her team captured the silver medal with a 5-4 OT (overtime) loss to Canada. This year Amanda says, "We are looking for the gold!" Over the past summers, she was the ambassador at the IIHF High Performance woman's hockey camp or (International ice hockey federation) in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Pelkey, had 8 offers from different Universities and Colleges, for a full athletic scholarship at their schools, but Pelkey said, "She chose UVM because she wanted to stay in the local area, by

### Local Girl Bags Deer on Youth Weekend

By Corey Clark

Taylor White is age 15 from Burlington shot a deer on youth weekend. She shot a 120 pound spike horn at a homestead in Burlington. It was reported on November 6<sup>th</sup>. She was sitting against a tree when her dad saw the deer. She pulled up her gun and shot the deer. It ran about 150 yards and it lay down. Her and her dad went over to get it but it jumped up and ran about 200 yards and she didn't find any blood to track the deer the sun was setting so they headed home. The next day they went back out in the woods and brought some tracking dogs and found that spike horn she shot at. "When I shot my deer I was very excited and proud," said Taylor "I think that youth weekend is a great way to get kids out and hunting. I have hunted for four years on youth weekend now." said White "Hunting is a fun way to try new meats and tastes and to have fun. Hunting is important because it keeps the deer population down." said White. Good luck for some of you during November buck season.

Deer hunting has been a tradition for a long time, created by Indians. This sport has been a hit for hunters around the U.S. This event was added over the recent years for hunters from 6-15 years of age. The weekend has recorded at least 582 antlered bucks on this weekend.

The kids must have proper equipment while hunting. They must include wearing hunter orange, valid hunting license (same as the adult), a rifle or shotgun. The youth must also have vocal contact with unarmed adult at all times. (Radios and binoculars will work.) There are no antler restrictions on this weekend.

This weekend is for biologists to see how the deer population is before the November regular hunting season. When biologists get information on how the population and deer habits are, they can make adjustments to certain hunting areas of VT. Another reason is to educate the youth hunters and spend time together as a family and to get to know the woods.

"Deer hunting is important," said Corey Clark age 12 from Underhill "I am glad they added a weekend for youth. It keeps the population stable for deer. This weekend is enjoyable for kids. I got to learn a lot from my father and get to enjoy the outdoors."

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## MMU'S Boys Varsity Basketball DreamTeam

By Raymond Wilson & Shea Fitzgerald

On Sunday, November 13, in Jericho Vermont, the Mount Mansfield Union High School varsity boys basketball dream team had an open gym. This was very eye opening for me. "They have good chemistry and competitive practices." Coach Jeff Davis says. They can dribble very well, shoot good, no one is selfish, Eric Suter can dunk! The main offensive players are Tom Lacy, Eric Suter, Troy Springer, and T.J. Wesson. "Our offense is going to be hard to stop" Davis says. "For defense our main players are Cody Sharrow, Hayden Pochop, and Josh Fitzgerald." Davis says.

These bunches of seniors have been great since seventh grade. This team is one of the best teams in Vermont! The two captains are voted by the team and they have not voted yet. "Last year the captains were Tom Lacy and Troy Springer." Davis says. "Knowing that these two are back for one more year they have a good shot at being the captains again." Davis says. There schedule is going to be hard this year. The hardest teams they face on the on the pages are "Rice, Brattleboro, and Colchester." Coach Davis says. These are the first three games of the year.

But I think the cougar's varsity team is going to have a good game with all those teams. This is going to be a hard one because the cougars are Division I.

Last year Davis led the boy's varsity team to the state playoffs where they unfortunately fell to Rice. There are 12 players this year on the team. Nine of those players are seniors! The cougars lost two seniors last year. "It's a big loss" Davis says. The seniors that moved on were Ethan Brown the leading scorer and a starter. The other one was Andrew Niche, "not a starter he was a tough presence in practice." Davis says.

Jeff Davis is also a teacher at MMU. He teaches math to grades 9-12. He played H.S. basketball at Craftsby Academy located in Craftsby Vermont. He was a forward and a starter. After high school he played college ball at Norwich University located in Northfield Vermont. There he was also a forward and a starter. Jeff is a good coach he hopes he has a good year with this amazing team.

### Bolton Ski Program Prepares

By Liam King

Bolton, VT - Another ski season will be starting and the kids doing the Bolton valley ski program at Browns River Middle School are already signed up and ready for the fun to start.

This program has been going on for four years and is run by Melissa King, of Underhill and kids love it and it's not Only the skiing it's the being with friends and having a good time unsupervised. Signups. Only 50 kids can get a ride on the bus. Those who want to do the program but didn't get a ride on the bus can possibly get a ride from one of the chaperones. Signups started approximately on November 1<sup>st</sup> and are due November 15<sup>th</sup>. The bus filled up fast.

It costs \$120.00 to get in plus a little extra money for dinner that you can buy at the resort. The program takes place on Thursday afternoons leaving the school at 3:00 and leaving the resort at 7:30.

If you don't have skis, a snowboard or poles you can lease or rent them. King got this idea from Christine Tulis who had been doing the program a couple years before at another school. Any one from grades 5-8 at BRMS can do it. It's going to be another long winter and some kids who love to ski but don't have time to ski are doing the program and that's what half of this program is all about. The other half is for kids who just love to ski and they're looking forward to the program too. It's going to be another great season especially for the kids doing the program.

## Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

This has been quite a journey. My students have learned so much in the past four weeks of our journalism unit. In their search for local stories, they tapped in to resources they didn't know existed. Most have joined Front Porch Forum and have now read their local newspaper the *Mountain Gazette*. Every student planned and organized a time for at least one interview with an affected person in their story. (One pair of students tracked down a local soldier in Iraq to find out how he was feeling about the President's announcement to pull our troops out of Iraq by the end of the year.

They learned about using "track changes" as they worked in teams to revise and then edit their stories. They learned how to get more efficient with their language when I told them that they needed to cut from 200 to 500 words from their original stories! They learned about organization and predicting what their reader would want to know next in their story.

They helped each other with photos and graphics. Every child in my two language arts classes found a story. They especially loved interviewing people and by having the "cover" of being a reporter, could ask probing questions. One pair went to a Bernie Sander's press conference and made their own "Press passes" for the event! This is not something kids usually get to do. They were empowered by the experience of being taken seriously and motivated by the knowledge that someone would read their story.

The four students that took on the huge task of laying out the paper learned about working as a team, layout design, consistency, fonts, text boxes, and spent a combined total of about 40 hours on that task. They too felt driven and empowered by the task. They were lucky to have the patient support of Bradlee Westie, our computer tech teacher.

So— thank you all for supporting this project and your kids. I am so proud of them. This has been a ton of work. And tons of fun. We're happy we did it and we're happy to get our lives back!

I'll let you all know if I hear back from the Vermont Public Television above the Fold contest judges. You are already winners! Celebrate!

OLE!!!  
Patty

**It is a great pleasure for the *Mountain Gazette* to have the opportunity to share the writings of the Browns River Middle School students as they venture into journalism.**

**Good Luck in your contest!**

**Brenda Boutin**  
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LIBRARY NEWS

Invasive plants removed



On Monday, Nov. 21, the invasive Japanese Barberry shrubs were removed from the Deborah Rawson Library by Charlie Siegchrist, with the help of Jerry Adams and Extension Master Gardeners Susan Adams and Eric Wood. For more information on invasive plants visit vtinvasiveplants.org.

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DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Evening Story Time for Families at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library

Parents with older preschoolers and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for stories, craft and light refreshments. Thursday December 1 at 6:30 PM. Registration required, call: 899-4962.

Middle and High School Book Group - If you enjoy reading and are interested in helping to select books for the library collection please join us on Tuesday December 6 at 3:00 PM. Refreshments served. To register call 899-4962.

Preschool Story Times - Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, snacks and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesday at 10:30 AM, December 7 and January 4, 11, 18, and 25; Thursday at 10:00 AM, December 1, 8 and January 5, 12, 19, and 26

Gingerbread Houses - Come and create a candy house using graham crackers, decorative icing and small candy pieces. To add to the building supplies, participants are requested to each bring a

bag of small candies to be shared with the group. We will provide everything else needed and a wholesome after school snack. For students in grade 2 through adults. Students in grade 2 are welcome, if accompanied by an adult willing to assist them. Tuesday December 13. Select from one of two sessions: 3:15-4:00 PM or 4:15-5:00 PM. Advance registration is required. Call 899-4962.

Baby Time - Join Leah Rowe for board books, lap rhymes and songs appropriate for babies 18 months and younger. This is a wonderful time for parents and childcare providers to connect with one another and to share ideas. Siblings welcome. Wednesday, December 14 at 10:15 AM. Drop in, no registration needed.

Family Movie Night - In this 90 minute holiday adventure everyone's favorite St. Bernard helps Henry the elf recover Santa's magical bag of toys. Join us by the fireplace for this PG rated movie on Friday, December 16th at 6:30. Refreshments served. Bring a blanket to make yourself comfortable. Advance registration required. For movie title and to register call 899-4962.

Lynn Ann Powers will have paintings on display for the month of December.

On Thursday December 1 at 6:30 PM. Underhill resident and author Bill Lewis will be at the library to talk about his recently published book "Moose droppings". In this book Bill shares stories and adventures of his 50 summers working in Yellowstone and other national parks. Copies will be available to purchase.

Italian Movie Night - The Vermont Italian Club is co-sponsoring a film with the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Friday December 9 at 6:30 PM. It is a 105 minutes 1953 film in Italian with English subtitles, directed by Julien Duvivier and based on Giovanni Guareschi's popular books. The battle of pride and power between the local priest (Don Camillo) and the Communist Mayor (Peppone) continues. Just when Peppone believes he has finally gained unbridled control of his village, the villagers need the exiled Catholic priest's assistance with persuading a landlord to let them build a dike to prevent flooding. Will Peppone end up asking for Camillo to return?

Music Sunday will be December 11 at 2:00 PM. Jazz sounds will fill the fireplace room when Annalise et Trois perform.

The Deborah Rawson Book Lovers is an adult book discussion group that meets at the library every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The November book was *The story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski; despite its formidable length, this book garnered widespread thumbs-ups among the group. The book for December 13 will be *The Alchemist* by Paul Coleho.

The board of Trustees will meet Thursday December 15 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The mystery book group is reading *The Narrows* by Michael Connelly and will discuss it Tuesday December 27 at 7:00 PM. This group is open to anyone.

The silent Auction item for December will be a train set generously donated by Bernadette and Don Howard. You can stop by the library anytime to see it. The bidding will be fast and furious. Bids will only be taken from December 1 to the 18 so that it can be given as a gift during the holidays or kept by a hobbyist.

Looking ahead to March, two trustee positions from Jericho and one from Underhill will come up to be voted on. Mary Bassett has completed her term limit and will not be able to run again from Jericho. John Panner will also not be running again from Underhill. If you are interested in being on the ballot please see your town clerk for details.

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM, closed Monday. For information on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962.

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Join us on Thursday December 1, 6:30 PM as local Stampin' Up. Demonstrator Erin Rowe leads us in creating holiday cards using stamps and embellishments. The library will cover the registration fee; participants will only pay \$2 per card they create. Pre-registration is required, call 849-2420.

PJ Story Hour on Thursday December 1 at 6:30 PM with Success by Six. Come to the library in your PJs for a story.

On Friday December 9 at 6:00 PM, the Traveling Storyteller will share the story of *Nanuk's Arctic Adventure*, the tale of a little polar bear and his Arctic friends. Stay after the story and puppet show for a wintery craft.

Homeschoolers Event: Wednesday December 14 from 3:30-4:45 PM, Project Sharing Day. Bring posters, science projects, writing, artwork or anything else you'd like to share with other Homeschoolers.

Fairfax Community Library Story Hour; Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Join us for stories, crafts and activities. December 6 - Snow (w/music), December 13 - Ice; December 20th - Light (w/music).

Library News: <http://www.bfairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Fairfax-Community-Library>. School Year Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

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WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY WESTFORD

Upcoming Events: Thursday, December 1, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Helen Oxenbury books.

Wednesday December 7, 7:00 PM, Trustee Meeting.

Thursday December 8, 11:00, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Shapes.

Wednesday December 14, 6:00-7:00 PM, Book Discussion: A

*Christmas Carol* (Dickens).

Thursday December 15, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Animals.

Thursday December 22, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Winter.

Saturday December 24, the library will be closed. Happy Holidays.

Thursday December 29, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Months of the Year. Saturday December 31, The library will be closed. Happy New Year.

A World of Health: Connecting People, Place and Planet Discussion Course: 1/5, 1/9, 1/12, 1/19, 1/23 and 1/26; 6:00-8:00 PM. Sign-up by 12/3 to receive a discount on the materials.

A six-session discussion course which "explores the human health and the environment and how we can sustain both. The course discusses limitations of the current medical model and its approach to health, then addresses the places where our personal health intersects with the environment - from our food and homes, to our communities and society. Throughout the course you will find individual actions that promote good health and, in turn, promote a healthier environment". For more information, visit [www.nwei.org](http://www.nwei.org). Facilitated by Westford resident Pat Hechmer. Contact Victoria at 878-5639 or [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us) to register. Minimum of eight people required to hold the course.

We will be ordering materials in early December, so please register by 12/3. The library will have one copy for in-house use.

Beginning January 5 - Thursday Afternoon: Free Individualized Computer Tutoring for Ages 50+ by Appointment Only. Offered in collaboration with CVAA. Americorps member Paige McCormick provides personalized help with your computer questions. Call Victoria at 878-5639 to schedule an appointment.

Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+: Winter Session. This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. For newcomers as well as those who took the class this summer. Led by CVAA volunteer Judy Hayes. Contact Victoria at 878-5639 for details.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *Nightwoods* (Frazier), *Out of Oz* (Maguire), *Sanctus* (Toyne), *There But For The (Smith)*, *Train Dreams* (Johnson), *V is for Vengeance* (Grafton), *11/22/63* (King), *Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter* (Grahame-Smith). Adult Nonfiction: *Steve Jobs* (Isaacson). Teen: *Blink and Caution* (Wynne-Jones), *Cloaked* (Flinn), *If I Stay* (Forman), *Shine* (Myracle), *Warped* (Guibord). Juv: *Picture Book: Are You Awake* (Blackall), *Look. A Book.* (Staake), *Perfect Square* (Hall). Fiction: *Cabin Fever* (Kinney), *Inheritance* (Paolini), *Unwinteds* (McMann), *Wonderstruck* (Selznick). *Graphic Novel: Squish* (Holm). Nonfiction: *All the Water in the World* (Lyon). *The Guinness World Records 2012*, *Over and Under the Snow* (Messner). DVD: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*. The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00-6:00 PM, Friday noon-6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us), [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us).

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Food for Thought Library Volunteers: Thursday December 1, 4:00-5:00 PM. Gr. 7-12 Teen Advisory Group. Pizza, discussion, and library projects for teens. 1st Thursday of each month. New members welcome.

Winter Holidays Party with the CVU Madrigal Singers: Monday December 5:00 at 6:00 PM. Join us for an a cappella concert then stay to decorate the library for the winter holidays.

Toddler Time: Fridays at 10:30 AM, December 2-16. This program introduces early literacy skills through books, rhymes, and songs. Each session includes a simple craft activity. For children ages 1-3 with parent or caregiver. Pre-register.

Story Hour: Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, December 6 and 13. Stories and simple crafts for children ages 3-5. No pre-registration.

Pajama Story Time: Monday December 12, 6:30 PM. Bring kids in pajamas with their favorite stuffed animal for stories with Abby Klein, a craft and a bedtime snack. Presented by Building Bright Futures of Williston and Dorothy Alling Memorial Library. Call Kate at 876-7147 to pre-register.

Music with Raphael: Mondays, 10:45 AM. (Except December 26), Thursdays, 10:30 AM, and Saturday December 17. Come sing, dance, and clap your hands with Raphael and his guitar. Children participate and experience traditional and original folk music. Up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one week-day session per week per family.

Babytime Playgroup: Wednesdays, 10:30-noon. (Except for the 1st Wednesday of each month and December 21). December 14 and 28. For infants and toddlers. Sponsored by Building Bright Futures of Williston. Call Marjorie Von Ohlsen for more information at 658-3659.

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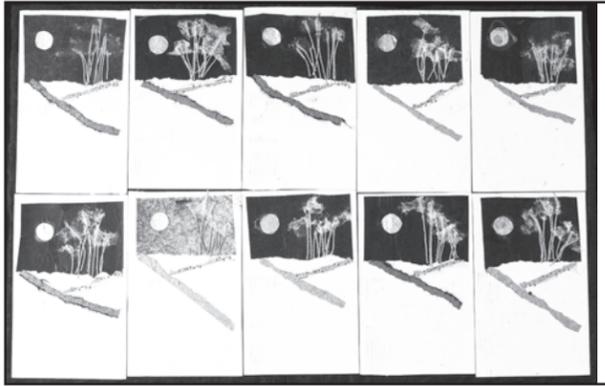
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The Public is invited to the opening of Beth Barndt's new show *WINTER* at the **Emile A Gruppe Gallery** in Jericho Center, on Sunday December 4 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Winter is based on a collection of hundreds of collaged postcards, made by Beth and sent out over the past 20 winter holiday seasons. Hundreds of cards are on loan for this project and have been temporarily reconfigured into panels of varying sizes. Several new larger works as well as postcard seconds will also be on display and available for sale. Pictured is the Winter X postcard panel. Gallery hours are 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Thursday through Sunday. (802) 899-3211 [www.emilegruppegallery.com](http://www.emilegruppegallery.com)

**Bryan Memorial Gallery** presents The Art of Nature: Wildlife Watercolors by Jeanette Fournier, now – December 23, 2011. Wildlife watercolors by Vermont and New Hampshire artist Jeanette Fournier are featured in Bryan Memorial Gallery's Middle Room through December 23. The exhibit features 25 meticulous renderings of wildlife animals in their native habitats.

Bryan Memorial Gallery is open Thursday – Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and by appointment anytime. 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT. 802-644-5100. [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org), [info@bryangallery.org](mailto:info@bryangallery.org)

MUSIC/DANCE

Saturday December 10

Community Dessert and Open Mic in Jericho, Saturday, December 10. You're invited to join the fun at the Community Center in Jericho (Brown's Trace just outside the village green). Desserts available from 7:00 PM, and open mic starts at 7:30 til 9:00 PM. Songs, musicians, story-telling, poetry - anything goes! Some walk-in slots; to reserve a 10 minute slot, call 879-4606 or email [lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com](mailto:lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com).

**Contra Dance** – Saturday December 9, Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance at 8:00 PM at Edmunds Middle School, 299 Main Street, Burlington VT. Quena Crain will call. Music will be provided by Randy Miller, Mary Cay Brass and Roger Kahle. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing.

**Phoenix Books and Cafe in the Essex Shoppes and Cinema** is inviting community members to enjoy the start of the holiday season with a relaxed, festive evening of live music with Full Circle. Full Circle will entertain shoppers and guests in Phoenix's cafe on Saturday December 3 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Full Circle is a group of five women who play a mixture of medieval, Renaissance, Celtic, folk, and holiday music. Their instruments include recorders, tin whistle, harp, guitar, hammered dulcimer, percussion and voices. They have three recordings which will be offered for sale at the store before and after the concert. Mary Ann Samuels, Linda Rodd, Susan Reit, Beth London, and Maeve Kim - the women of Full Circle - have been making music together, in various combinations, since 1978.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or call 802-872-7111.

Friday December 2, **Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra Messiah Concert**, Lisa Jablow, Conductor, St. Augustine Church, Barre Street, Montpelier, Vermont; \$15 / \$12 seniors / \$5 students/\$32 family, 7:30 PM. (information at [www.vermontphilharmonic.org](http://www.vermontphilharmonic.org) or (802) 476-8188).

Sunday December 4, **Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra Messiah Concert**, Lisa Jablow, Conductor Barre Opera House, Barre, Vermont, \$15 / \$12 seniors / \$5 students/\$32 family, 3:30 p.m. (information at [www.vermontphilharmonic.org](http://www.vermontphilharmonic.org) or (802) 476-8188).

**The Vermont Symphony Orchestra** performs the second concert of its 2011/2012 Masterworks Series on Saturday, December 3 at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington at 8:00 p.m. This exciting program includes Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No.2, and Schumann's Symphony No. 2. The concert features VSO concertmaster, violinist Katherine Winterstein, with Anthony Princiotti conducting. In keeping with program focus on the violin, a special exhibit from the Burlington Violin Shop will be on display in the Amy Tarrant Gallery before the concert and during the intermission.

Single tickets for the December concert start at \$16. Student tickets are available for \$9. For additional information or tickets, please visit the FlynnTix Regional Box Office website at [www.flyntix.org](http://www.flyntix.org), telephone (802) 86-FLYNN (863-5966), or visit

JUST MARRIED

COTA-WELLS

Bethany Cota, daughter of Larry and Denise Cota of Fletcher, VT, and Ryan Wells, son of Randy and Stacy Wells of Westford, VT, were united in marriage September 24, 2011.

The Rev. Alice Ling officiated at the double-ring ceremony. A reception was held at Boyden Barn in Cambridge, VT.

Mrs. Wells graduated from Bellows Free Academy Fairfax and University of Vermont. She is a nurse at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Her husband graduated from Bellows Free Academy Fairfax and Vermont Technical College. He is an engineer at Green Mountain Engineering.

The couple resides in Essex.

BIRTHS

**RICHMOND** (Murray) Christina Marie Flint and Kevin Murray had a daughter, Lena Anne Murray, on November 1 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Center, bBurlington, VT.

the VSO website at [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org). Subscriptions for the four remaining Masterworks series concerts range from \$55, to \$209, \$32 for students. For series subscriptions, please call the VSO office at 800-864-9293, extension 10.

Tickets and information for VSO concerts are also available now for Smartphone users through a new QR code (Quick Response code.) The QR code here links directly to the VSO website.

THEATER/FILM

Broadway Holiday musical performance with singing stars to benefit Saint Michael's Playhouse, December 3.

Stars from summer hits of the Saint Michael's Playhouse are coming to town to put on a dazzling musical evening Broadway Holiday to benefit the Playhouse. The only Playhouse performance of this holiday celebration will be Saturday December 3, at 7:30 PM in the McCarthy Arts Center.

Playhouse stars Bill Carmichael (*The Pirates of Penzance*, *Barnum*, *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*), Kathryn Markey (*I Love You You're Perfect Now Change*, *Suds*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*), Lucy Sorensen (*Suds*, *Marvelous Wonderettes*, *Always...Patsy Cline*) and Craig Wells (*The Drowsy Chaperone*) will perform classic tunes from Broadway shows including *Guys and Dolls*, *Carousel*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Camelot*, as well as Broadway holiday songs "White Christmas," "We Need A Little Christmas" "Happy Holidays," "Have Yourself A Merry

Little Christmas," and many more!

For tickets now go online to the Playhouse website. The box office will open for phone sales Monday, November 28. (802) 654-2281.

The **Phoenix Theater Group** will present Edward Albee's play, *At Home At The Zoo*, from December 7 to December 10 at 7:30 PM in the Off Center for the Dramatic Arts at 294 N. Winooski Ave. in Burlington. The production cast includes Adam Cunningham as Jerry, Vivian Jordan as Anne and Mike DeSanto as Peter. The play is co-directed by Cunningham, who directs Act I, and Jordan, who takes on Act II. Albee wrote the iconic *The Zoo Story* in 1959 and subsequently wrote a prequel first act, *At Home* in 2005, creating a full-length play with the linking of the character Peter in both acts. Serving as an introduction to the evening, a short one act play, *The Care and Feeding of Birds*, by Ann Wuehler, will be performed by Lisa Steele and directed by DeSanto. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door. Seniors and Student tickets are \$10.00. Open Seating.

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Carlota Jensen, grade 2; Gabriela, grade 1; their grandfather, Mr. Jensen and Aidan, grade 3, as they help present their great-grandfather's and Mr. Jensen's uniforms from World War I and the Korean War. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

During its annual Veterans Day assembly, Mater Christi School had the privilege of hosting a number of military veterans who shared their experiences in the military. To the delight of the students, the veterans – parents, grandparents, and friends of students at MCS – held a friendly competition as to which military branch was better. The audience was especially interested when one presenter, a grandparent of three MCS students, showed the uniform that his father wore in World War One and then showed the uniform that he, himself, had worn 30 years ago in the Korean War.

A poignant moment occurred when the mother of a veteran, standing in for her son, showed the community a large photo of him and explained that he was recovering in a Honolulu hospital from severe injuries sustained during his time in Afghanistan. The students received quite a surprise when their principal, Paul Jette, joined the group of veterans and described his experiences in the Navy on two different aircraft carriers.

In addition to the presentations by the nine veterans, some of whom are still in the military, the students and teachers watched a video history of Veterans Day, sang patriotic songs accompanied by the school band, and listened to eighth-grader Ariel Salmon, a talented violinist, play a special rendition of "Amazing Grace." Other eighth-graders read prayers they had composed for the USA and for its military personnel.

Mrs. Joanne Booraem, Mater Christi School's librarian and coordinator of the Veterans Day prayer assembly, expressed her "deep gratitude to the veterans who had taken the time on 11/11 to participate with the MCS students and staff in celebrating this day special to them and all Americans."

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Teaching interns at MMUHS



These individuals are currently interning at Mt. Mansfield HS through the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (www.Tapvt.org). Left to right: Timmy Macdonnell (Math), Peter Merritt (Science). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

JSC and LUHS Dance for the Deluge fundraiser December 8

Dance students from Johnson State College and Lamoille Union High School will present a recital at 7:00 PM. Thursday December 8, at Lamoille Union High School to raise funds for Vermonters affected by this year's flooding. Donations will be gratefully accepted, and all proceeds will go to the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund to directly benefit community members in need of flood relief.

The program, featuring both student and faculty choreography under the direction of JSC dance professors Maris Wolff and Nicki Lefavre, will be an eclectic mix of dance styles, including jazz, tap, lyrical, modern and comic dance. In addition, the program will feature two pieces by the great forerunner of American modern dance, Isadora Duncan, and a work created especially for this event entitled "Flood."

"We hope that this coming together of dancers, friends family and neighbors will remind us of how important community is and how we can all help each other in times of need," said JSC Maris Wolff, JSC professor of dance. "We also hope that in addition to helping our neighbors financially, this will be an opportunity to nurture our community through the healing power of the art of dance."

For more information, contact Professor Wolff at 802-635-1318.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**James Sistare** of Earl's Cyclery & Fitness has been promoted to Commercial Fitness Equipment Sales Mgr., James has worked at Earl's Cyclery & Fitness for 6 years and is a 2010 graduate, Champlain College.

Local author **Gudrun Quinlan** of Jericho, VT, publishes *The Shadow People*, a collection of 40 very short fictional stories. Watching her kids grow up way too quickly inspired her to write about them as well as their road and hiking trips, mostly in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the Adirondacks in New York. The book is available at amazon.com. Her next collection of twelve very short stories "Lost and Found" is scheduled to be released on December 1, 2011.



After nine years of life in New York City, **Paul Gosselin**, packed his bags, bought a car and headed west to the city of angels. "I knew that if I wanted to pursue a career in film and television, I needed to be where the action is, and Hollywood is that place." In September, Paul's road trip across the country was filmed and promoted on the smart phone application Mobli, which recently was endorsed by Leonardo DiCaprio. "I couldn't believe it when I appeared on the application's homepage in between videos of DiCaprio and David Arquette who was campaigning for votes on *Dancing with the Stars*. All I was doing was driving cross

country! But hey, it helped build my followers."

Now after less than two months in Los Angeles, Paul will make his LA stage debut December 1 at the Archway Theatre in historic downtown LA. "I'm Playing Sigmund Frost in the world premiere of *The Many Murders of Kristopher K. Kringle*, an irreverent and hilarious holiday murder mystery where everyone is a suspect and everyone has a theory about who done it." Paul can't reveal if he is the real killer or not, but he does play out another character's version of Kringle's murder. "I hope I am not put on the naughty list for life after killing Kris Kringle in this production." This will be the Archway's second production in its inaugural season and will run until 12/18. For more information on the Archway visit [www.archwayla.com](http://www.archwayla.com) and to continue to follow Underhill Center's rising star, check out: <http://about.me/paul.gosselin>. Paul Gosselin was born and raised in Underhill Center, Vermont and moved to New York City in 2002. A member of AFTRA, he has appeared on *One Life to Live*, *Saturday Night Live* and *The Good Wife* to name a few. BroadwayWorld.com has twice named Paul "One of the 100 Theater Tweeters to Follow" on the social media site. In 2011, Paul relocated to Los Angeles and he continues to pursue his acting career.

More information about Paul can be found online at [www.paulgosselin.net](http://www.paulgosselin.net).

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Sunday January 8, Mystery Outing, contact leader for details. Wolfgang Hokenmaier, 862-5302 or [hogges@gmx.net](mailto:hogges@gmx.net)

Saturday January 14, Mt. Ellen via Jerusalem Trail. Difficult, 6.8 miles. Robynn Albert, [robynnalbert@hotmail.com](mailto:robynnalbert@hotmail.com)

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SPORTS IN THE NEWS



The 2011 Johnson State College Women's Rugby Team, National Division IV Champions. Back from left: Club Advisor Patrick Rogers; club president Ashley Carrington (junior, Middlefield, MA); Tiana Cross (freshman, White River Jct., VT); Satu Lord (junior, Essex, VT); Jessica Mott (senior, Swanton, VT); Jules Jacovini (senior, Morrisville, VT); Miranda Ingram (junior, Suffield, CT); Trina Guaraldi (freshman, Springfield, VT); MVP winner Nora Zahara (junior, Tinmouth, VT); Miranda Giles (sophomore, Jaffrey, NH); Coach Don Allen; team captain Aly Finn (junior, Montgomery, NY). Front from left: Muzzy Wronski (sophomore, Barre, MA); Belinda LaFountain (freshman, Cornwall, VT); Paige Libby (freshman, Whitefield, NH); Molly Banks (junior, Acton, MA); Amara MacKillop (sophomore, Charlotte, VT); Mikala Frenette (junior, Braintree, VT); Taylor Borwn (freshman, Manchester, VT); and Coral Bolio (sophomore, St. Albans, VT). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

### Johnson State College Women's Rugby team wins National Championship

The Women's Rugby team at Johnson State College (JSC) secured the national Division IV championship Sunday, besting previously undefeated Albright College of Pennsylvania 12-5. Center Nora Wynter, a junior at JSC from Tinmouth, Vt., won Most Valuable Player honors.

The win is impressive on many levels, not the least of which is that this was the team's first year of competition and that none of the members had previously played rugby.

Calling it "a storybook season," Coach Don Allen credited the players for working harder and playing better together than any team he's ever coached, men's or women's. (Allen coached men's and women's rugby at JSC from 2000 to 2005 and returned this year to coach the women's team.)

"You can't start any lower and get any higher," he said, noting that he showed up at the first practice to find three women "throwing a ball around." He agreed to coach the team if they could get at least 10 others to show up at each practice. They did that and more.

As Allen puts it, "They were a unique group of ladies who took the game seriously and wanted to win, even to the point of practicing at 7 AM and 5 PM at least two times a week. They were the epitome of what a team should be."

Allen singled out MVP winner Wynter for special praise, saying she was an "excellent rugby runner" who latched on to the game from the start. "At first it was all about Nora - she was all we had in offense and attack - but that didn't last long," he said. "The players quickly became the best team, and the best group of individuals, I've ever coached."

JSC won a berth at the nationals after securing the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) title Nov. 12, winning two hard-fought games against Springfield College (26-10) and

Saint Anselm College (17-12). Saint Anselm was the only school to have a win against JSC during the regular season.

The NSCRO (National Small College Rugby Organization) Collegiate Women's Division IV Championship took place in New Jersey on Sunday November 20.

Heading into the nationals, team captain Alyson Finn, a junior from Montgomery, N.Y., felt confident of the win. "You'd think a small school like JSC wouldn't have a chance against the bigger schools, especially since we're just a club sport - but we do. We always go at it as hard as we can and with the attitude that we're going to win," she said.



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less of whether there is actual snow on the ground. Please contact Lauren Chicote, AmeriCorp Environmental Educator for the WVPD at [americorps@wvpd.org](mailto:americorps@wvpd.org) or at 802-863-5744 with any questions. This event is free. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to COTS and the John Graham Emergency Shelter.

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## SENIORS NEWS

### CVAA Meals

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Thursday December 1 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 check in, 11:00 lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday December 2 - Hinesburg meal site, 11:30 AM.

Monday December 5 – Covenant Community Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. No spice chili, Italian veggies, whole wheat roll, fruit shortcake with cream.

Tuesday December 6 – Pizza Putt, So. Burlington, 10:30 check in, 11:00 lunch. Spaghetti and meatballs.

Wednesday December 7 – Essex Grill, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast pork.

Thursday December 8 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday December 9 – Holiday celebration, Sheraton Hotel, Williston Road, So. Burlington, 10:00 check in, 11:00 AM – 1:00 Pm lunch. Tickets required, please see Pat Pike.

Monday December 12 - Covenant Community Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Baked ham, hot baked beans, cole slaw, Pumpernickel bread, butterscotch pudding.

Monday December 12 – Papa Nick's, Hinesburg, 3:00 PM. Baked ham.

Tuesday December 13 - Colonial Room, Essex Ed. Ctr., Essex Jct. 11:00 AM, 12:00 noon lunch. Roast beef.

Wednesday December 14 – Elks Club, No. Ave., Burlington, 10:00 check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Thursday December 15 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday December 16 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, fall vegetables, sugar cookies.

## RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

### Ice Cream Mince-meat Pie

1 baked graham cracker crust  
1 quart vanilla ice cream  
1 cup mince meat (prepared jar)  
½ teaspoon rum flavoring  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### OFFICIAL WARNING

#### ANNUAL MEETING JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT

The legal voters of the towns of Jericho and Underhill in the County of Chittenden and the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (project room) in Jericho, Vermont on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM to act on the following articles:

- Article 1. Election of a Moderator
- Article 2. Act on Report of Trustees
- Article 3. Shall the District authorize the Trustees to borrow

money for the temporary needs of the District?

- Article 4. Adoption of a budget
- Article 5. Other business thought proper when met.

Proposed budget is \$26,200

Dated at Jericho, Vermont, November 21, 2011

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MCS Band Students to Participate in the District III Music Festival



Six students from the Mater Christi School band have been selected to play in the District III Music Festival. The Festival concert is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, at South Burlington High School, pictured left to right are Sarah Stearns, Burlington; Marisa Sylvester, Burlington; Mrs. Barb Heath, MCS Band Director; Megan Collins, Burlington; Abby Harrington, Colchester; Sarah Sem, Jericho; Heather McCabe, South Burlington.

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### Former professional wrestlers get into the swing of the season

To the right are photos of Lisa *The Adjuster* Haynes and Paul "Butcher" Vachon from their heyday in the Professional Wrestling world. On the left - Christmas photo is a present one at their new occupations at the Berlin Mall, Vermont. Lisa is a Huntington resident and founder of Save Our Strays pet rescue/adoption group. Paul is a part-time Richmond resident and travels the country selling his wares at fairs & festivals.

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